U.S. Condemns Sentence of Chinese Dissident

By Patrick E. Tyler New York Times Service

BEUING — China on Wednesday silenced indefinitely the most powerful pro-democracy voice in the country by convicting Wei Jingsheng in a closed trial of man rights performance. 'conspiring to subvert the government' and sentencing him to 14 years in prison with an additional three years denial of political rights.

The harsh sentence levied against the one-time elec-trician at the Beijing Zoo who helped to father China's democracy movement in 1978 drew expressions of anger and indignation from members of Mr. Wei's family, human rights organizations and governments around the

"The United States condemns the decision to convict and set Wei Jingsheng free," Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel said in a statement. "The Chinese constitution Wei Jingsheng," said John Shattuck, assistant secretary of state for human rights, as members of Congress urged that the United States restore the link between the mostfavored-nation trade status for China and Beijing's hu-

Mr. Shattuck said the vagueness of the official charges against the dissident showed that "Wei was convicted for exercising rights of peaceful freedom of speech."

Through its handling of the case, Mr. Shattuck said, China had suffered "a serious blow to its prestige." We urge the Chinese authorities to show clemency,

Germany had an unusually forceful reaction. "I appeal to the authorities in China to correct this decision

guarantees freedom of speech." he said. "In any normal understanding of the law, this includes the freedom to criticize the society and the government. We must measure Chinese justice according to whether its citizens can make use of these constitutional rights."

Britain said it was 'dismayed and concerned' by the outcome. France said, "The Chinese decision was a surprise and will trigger new protests. China's image will be affected." It urged leniency.

In Hong Kong, which will revert to Chinese rule in 1997, Liu Yiu-chu, a pro-Beijing lawyer and adviser to

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French Strikers Win Further Concessions

Juppé Backs Off on Pensions And Agrees to a 'Social Summit'

By Youssef M. Ibrahim

PARIS - France's government offered ever more concessions to striking workers Wednesday, suspending a planned over-haul of pensions for all public sector employees and agreeing to a "social summit" where unions may voice their views, even as their leaders called for another day of massive demonstrations for this weekend.

Trying to still rumors he may get rid of Prime Minister Alain Juppé, President Jacques Chirac, who had remained out of the fray for much of the crisis, issued a statement through his spokesman Wednesday signaling, albeit in a lukewarm fashion, his support for the policy of economic

"We were not elected to preside over the decline of France," Mr. Chirac said. "1 trust the government to conduct this policy simply because there is not another one."

[French financial markets slumped on Wednesday, Reuters reported. The CAC-40 index of 40 leading stocks finished down 1,11 percent or 20.48 points at 1,828.46 as optimism receded about an early end to the strike. Bonds also fell, and the franc was off two centimes against the Deutsche mark, at 3.4675 per mark.]

Following the dramatic challenge that brought about 1.7 million opponents of a social welfare reform program proposed by Mr. Juppé into the streets of France on Tuesday, life appeared to return to an unin-spired routine established in previous days. with union leaders bickering over bow to keep up pressure and the government thrashing about for ways out of France's worst labor unrest in a decade.

Officials said their essential strategy in the next few days was to chip away at unions' solidarity with concessions that may entice striking chapters to split and vote to go back to work. That approach, how-ever, may already be jeopardized by emerg-ing splits within the governing conservative coalition over confidence in the ability of the prime minister to manage the crisis.

Union chiefs from the two principal oreration of Labor, anxious to retain the powerless negotiating forum. momentum they garnered in 20 days of strikes, called for another "national demonstrations" on Saturday.

pressure until the prime minister takes a decisive step," which the unions have now set as the cancellation of Mr. Juppe's entire package of economic reforms with its accompanying new taxes and work rules.

But as cracks have appeared in the governing coalition, similar divisions have emerged among the strikers. Voices among unionized teachers and even some of the hard-line rail workers are arguing they got what they wanted and should not become embroiled in a wider 'political dispute' to bring down the government or block es-sential reforms of the debt-ridden bealth insurance and retirement systems.

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The Socialist-led French Democratic Confederation of Work union, which opposed the strike from the start, said it wanted any talks with the government to be limited to employment. The biggest teachers union, the National Federation for Education, has called for an end to the strike, but it remains to be seen if its adherents will follow.

The opaque nature of this political gridlock and the striking absence of original ideas or political savvy to get out of it has only been highlighted by a puzzling failure of Lionel Jospin, the bead of the Socialist Party oppositioo, to capitalize in any way on the momentum created by striking workers who cominally belong to the left.

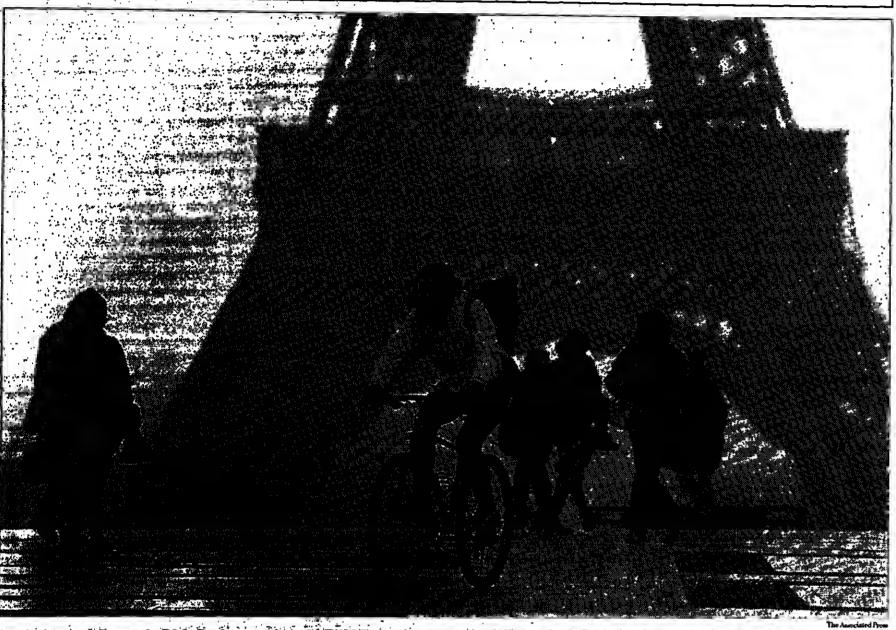
Socialist deputies have limited them-selves to banal debates in Parliament and fruitless oo-confidence challenges easily dismissed by the conservative majority. Striking workers are only advancing militancy as their contribution.

The French public has not fared much better. A poll published Wednesday suggested that 41 percent of the French could not recall any of the 22 proposals - advanced by the government to trim budget deficits in excess of \$60 billion — that

triggered the crisis.

Mr. Juppé set Dec. 21 as the date of the "social summit" which has become a ral-lying cry for militants within the striking unions boping to become parmers in decisions over how to trim budgetary deficits. Government officials appear to look at the concession as another way to cool tempers ganizations leading the movement, the and drain the strike of energy, believing they Workers Force and the General Confederal turn the meeting into a protracted but and drain the strike of energy, believing they

Meanwhile the strike continues to take a toll on pusinesses. The small-business fed eration CGPME said the strikes may result Their hope, they said, was to get even in an additional failure of some 5,000 small



A commuter pedaling on the Right Bank, across from the Eiffel Tower, as others walked Wednesday in Paris. The Métro remained shut and buses were rare. more people into the streets to "keep up the and midsize businesses this year.

U.S. Is Aiming **Iran Sanctions** At Foreigners

By David E. Sanger New York Times Service

WASHINGTON --- Over the objections of the European Union, the White House and Senate Republicans have struck a deal to impose financial penalties on foreign companies that help Iran develop its oil and natural-gas fields.

The bill gives teeth to what has so far been an ineffective effort to get U.S. allies to take part in an embargo that President Bill Clinton imposed on American companies earlier this year.

A bill unanimously approved by the Senate Banking Committee on Tuesday would give the president the power to impose a range of sanctions against foreign companies that aided the development of Iran's energy programs, including stripping them of the right to obtain big loans from U.S. banks or to deal in U.S. se-

To win the administration's support for the bill, its sponsor, Senstor Alfonse M. Amato, Republican of New York, had to drop significantly tougher sanctions, including a ban on imports of all products made by companies that do business with

Legislative aides said that they expected the full Senate to vote on the bill by the end of the month and that it was virtually assured of passage there. But it was unclear bow long it might take to reach the floor of the House, where similar legislation bas been introduced.

in the spring, the administration barred American companies from striking deals with the Iranian government to develop a

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Are Tokyo's Days Numbered as a Capital City?

motion a \$140 billion construction pro- years. ject to build a new, working capital in

Japan by 2010.

The panel said that a relatively un-

After three years of studying the de-tails, a government committee has set in fault lines, is to be selected within two

The Diet must approve the specifics of any relocation, and some are skeptical that such a massive and expensive uncrowded area no more than 180 miles dertaking will ever happen. (Page 6)

AGENDA

45 Killed as Plane Crashes in Italy

VER NA, Italy (Renters) — A Romanian airliner crashed and burst into flames as it took off near Verona in northem Italy on Wednesday, killing all 45 people on board, the police said.

The Russian-built Antonov 51 airlin-

er, operated by the Romanian charter company Banat Air, was bound for Bucharest, reports said. Italian television said 33 of the 41 passengers were Italians and almost all the rest Romanians. "All we know at the moment is that it

happened on takeoff," a police spokesman said. He said the plane slammed into the runway at the Villafranca amport, southwest of Verona. Witnesses said the aircraft burst into

flames as it hit the ground. Snow was falling and strong winds were blowing at the time of the crash.

Crosses for Bavarians

MUNICH (Reuters) — The Bavarian State Parliament passed a law Wednesday ordering crucifixes to be hung in schools. German courts had declared the state's previous law unconstitutional.

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Paris Leads Drive to Widen Bosnia Accord

Deal Would Ensure Mutual Recognition Among Factions

By William Drozdiak Washington Post Service

PARIS - France said Wednesday that the signing of the Bosnia peace accord here Thursday could be accompanied by a separate pact on mutual recognition among all states of the former Yugoslavia, a step regarded as crucial to defusing the risk of renewed warfare in the Balkans.

Foreign Minister Hervé de Charette said the main countries of the former Yugoslavia were close to clinching a deal that would recognize each other's borders and political legitimacy. He said it was possible for the lifting of economic sanctions that that final agreement could be reached be- could include the recovery of billions of fore the signing ceremony for the Bosnia dollars in foreign assets.

peace accord to be attended by leaders of 50 states.

Diplomats said Serbia's president, Slobodan Milosevic, who arrived in Paris on Wednesday, was still holding up a deal by arguing that the Yugoslav federation of Serbia and Montenegro was the legal entity that had been abandoned by "secessionist" states such as Croatia, Bosnia and Slovenia.

But they also said that Mr. Milosevic could drop his objections at the last minute to ease lingering tensions along the Ser-bian-Croatian border and to clear the way

The French government, having suffered a bruised ego when the United States stole the initiative in forging the Bosnian peace deal during three weeks of secret negotiations in Dayton, Ohio, is eager to crown the signing ceremony at the Elysée Palace with a diplomatic coup of its own.

As senior ministers from Europe, North America and nine Islamic countries met at a Cistercian abbey 50 kilometers northeast of Paris to review the terms of the Bosnia agreement, French officials were desperately trying to broker the mutual-recog-nition accord among representatives of states from the former Yugoslavia.

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Senate Rejects Bid to Cut Troop Funding

By Brian Knowlton

WASHINGTON - In a partial victory for President Bill Clinton, the Senate on Wednesday rejected a proposal to cut off financing for the troop deployment to

But Mr. Clinton, who was to leave hours later for the signing in Paris of the Bosnia peace agreement, appeared unlikely to get the clear endorsement of the U.S. mission

Chances for House backing of the Bosnia operation appeared slight. Althey do support the troops, though not their though the full House is not expected to presence in Bosnia.

vote on a similar financing bill before Thursday, the Republican caucus Wednesday voted, 108 to 64, to endorse the measure to cut off money for the operation.

can't believe Congress won't support our troops in this mission." Mr. Clinton appeared at the White House with the Nobel Peace Jaureate Elie Wiesel, who backed his call for support, saying American troops could help save lives in Bosnia.

with the president's comment, saying that of Kansas, said of the financing bill, "This

the bid to cut off financing for the 20,000 American troops in the NATO peace force in Bosnia failed 22 to 77 — appeared to Speaking of the legislative debate, Mr. reflect a belief among legislators that the Clinton said Wednesday morning, "I just troop deployment would proceed regard-

less of any action in Congress.

"This debate ultimately has no practical consequence in terms of preventing the troops from going," said Senator William S. Cohen, Republican of Maine. Whether one approves of the mission or

But some in Congress were taking issue not, the Senate majority leader, Bob Dole

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That Squeak, 'The Voice' - Japanese Women Begin Dropping It

By Nicholas D. Kristof

TOKYO - Smiling bearifically at the restless shoppers, more like a saint than an elevator operator, Hiromi Saito opened her mouth to do her duty.

New York Times Service

"I thank you from the bottom of my heart for favoring us by paying an honorable visit to our store," she said in The Voice. "I will stop at the floor your honorable self is kind enough to use, and then I will go to the top floor."

The Voice is as fawning as her demeanor, as sweet as syrup, and as high as a dog whistle. Any higher, and it would sharter the crystal on the seventh floor. Most Japanese women cannot muster the Mount Fuji-like heights of Miss Saito's voice, but their voices regularly skirt the foothills. For a quick gauge

of the status of women in Japan, just cock your ear to kick them in the head," said Mari Shimakura, a 15- Miss Moritz is the evening anchor of NHK News, the and listen to Japanese women speak - or squeak. European women no longer rearrange their bodies with corsets and Chinese no longer cripple their daughters by binding their feet. But many Japanese women speak well above their natural pitch, especially in formal settings, on the phone or when

dealing with customers. "When slaves talk, they have their slave language," said Fujiko Hara, an interpreter in Tokyo. "Those girls are trained to be robots. With the elevator girls, you don't see a person but a doll." Yet in a sign that the dolls are coming to life,

women's voices in Japan are dropping significantly. Japan still has many squeakers, but there are a growing number of women who speak in natural voices. When girls speak in really high voices, I just want

noying. It gives me a headache. Mom tells me I speak try in too low a voice, and that I should raise it. But I can't

One standard-bearer of the changing times is forms in Tokyo. Older record Miyuki Morita, who was rejected when she first tried pitched than the newer ones. to enter broadcasting as a disk jockey.

"They said my voice was too somber, and they wouldn't hire me," Miss Morita recalled. She even-tually found another job, with a television station in northern Japan, and she tried to imitate other female trend. journalists who spoke in high voices.

Then when I saw a video of myself, I saw my face, but it wasn't my voice," she said. "It didn't sound convincing. So I settled back to my voice." That voice is now among the best known in Japan.

year-old in Tokyo. "It's totally fake and really an- most popular television news program in the coun-

Other evidence that women's voices are dropping comes from taped announcements on subway platforms in Tokyo. Older recordings are clearly higher

The pitch of female singers is also falling.

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'From the late 1980s, the pitch of female songs has dropped dramatically," Mr. Murao said.
"In fact, there was a popular duet last year in which

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The Zverevs Adapt to Russia's Tumultuous Reinvention

By Steven Erlanger New York Times Service

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OSCOW --- In June 1992, Nina Zvereva was approached in a Moscow courtyard as she washed a battered brown Zhiguli, a Soviet-made Flat.

Then 28, she was just learning to drive, and she and her younger sister, Natasha, their husbands and their parents were struggling to find a niche in the new economy six months after the Soviet Union collapsed, prices were freed from government controls and inflation gathered a frightening momen-

Nina was married to an older man, one of Russia's new businessmen, and they had a 10-month-

old daughter, Mariya. Natasha, then 25, was married to a butcher, more passive than she. Caring for two young children, she

made clothes for her friends and made more money than her husband, who resented her for it and had begun to drink heavily.

Intelligeot and relatively typical, they were described in a New York Times article in a case study of how a family was getting by in the new Russia, with the Soviet Union and

the communist system gone.

The three and a half years of Russia's extraordinary and difficult reinventioo since then have taken a considerable emotional toll, the family says. The sisters are divorced and have remarried.

Their parents, Lyudmila, 72, and Sergei Zverev, 69, are getting pensions after careers as aircraft engineers. After losing some savings in a pyramid scheme and much of the rest through inflation, they are holding their own with great economies. But they are still stunned by the collapse of the country and social system to which they devoted their lives.

Despite all the difficulties and false starts, the sisters say they have bettered their lives considerably. spiritually as well as materially.

HEY say they have learned to take responsibility for their own fate and that of their children. They feel that the future can only get better, and that no matter what happens in Russia's coming parliamentary and presidential elections, there is oo way back to a dead ideology and the totalitarian The Zvereva daughters and their children gathering at Lyudmila and Sergei's apartment in Moscow.

This is Russia's great generational chasm, between confused and angry parents, ripped apart by change, and their children, who, hy and large, are making their way in a strange contradictory world of initiative and crime, entrepreneurship and cor-

"Life is better than three years ago," said Nina, who has cropped her hair and wears three earnings in ooe ear. "It's really better and better. There is more money and more optimism for the future. I'm happy, but not completely, of course. There are lots of things missing in my life. I'd like to have a business of my own, for example — a store or boutique or even a tailor's shop — that can reflect

Her parents, who have a decent apartment, dacha and car, are still "getting by," Natasha said, patting ber mother's hand.

"But for us, like many of our friends, our lives

have improved, and we've learned a lot about how to manage this new economy.

Three and a half years after lovingly washing the battered Zhiguli, Nina is registering a new, brilliantly red BMW 318 with her new husband, Mkrtchik Petrosian, known as Muk, a 34-year-old in charge of security for a Moscow bank.

Her daughter, Mariya, now 4, can write her name in English on their home computer, and they live in a spacious apartment with a Western stereo system, CDs piled on the shelves and a large Japanese

Natasha has married Gennadi Sorokin, 28. An energetic, articulate man who has failed at various business ventures with his father, he is learning to repair the American-made computerized slot and poker machines that are the rage now at Gorky Park

Natasha found it harder to sew for money as the

broke down after two weeks."

At this Mr. Zverev interrupted. He worked all his life for an aircraft engine design institute, while his wife worked for the factory making prototype en-gines that were used in the famous Chkalov air-

Now, new Ilyushin planes will be made with Pratt & Whitney engines from the United States, and Mr.

Zverev is outraged.
"We worked in a very sophisticated way," be said. "A country needs to produce something, to protect its industry so we can catch up and surpass the Americans. But only now our great leaders speak of reviving production — of our own shoes

and irons, let alone aircraft engines!"

Mrs. Zvereva patted his hand. "Very often we don't understand them, our daughters," she said, smiling.
"They're new people. It's the same in every family."

But Nina went on, "I've seen many places in the

world now, Papa, and there's no poverty like ours anywhere in the world, this generalized Soviet poverty where everyone lives badly. Sure, there are

poor people over there, but some of their poor are

better off than the average Soviet citizen was!" Retorted Mr. Zverev: "But what are we building

in Russia? It's unclear. Is it capitalism or criminal-

Gennadi threw up his hands. "I'm building a family," he said passionately. "I'm building my

own happiness. I want to get rich, and I don't care

Does he not feel patriotism? He laughed. "I grew

up with the Soviet Union," he said, "and the state

was taken away from me. I don't have the same idea

of motherland now. It was taken away from me, and

about the state very much!'

now I care about my family."

"The guy next door bought one, brand new, and it | it was never a just society," he said. "There was always an upper class, an elite, and it was the Communist Party.'

But Mr. Zverev feels robbed by change. "Of course it's a bitter feeling," he said. "To have your country collapse at the end of our lives! There is all this change and no assurance that it will all work out somehow. We see all these new rich, who are suddenly richer than many Americans, and we understand we're being robbed."

RICES confuse the Zverevs, as they do many older people. When they were interviewed in June 1992, the dollar was worth 130 rubles. Today it is worth about 4,500, and prices can seem a lot higher to Russians than they really are, though they are also growing in real terms.

Together, the couple have a pension of 500,000 rubles a month, or about \$110, and they spend it all, with about half going for food.

They buy very few new clothes, and Mr. Zverev says their car is too expensive to run, except in summer to the dacha, where he and his wife grow vegetables and preserve them for the winter.

The rent for their apartment, where Natasha and her two boys -Alexander, 7, and Vladimir, 6—often stay, is 100,000 rubles a month, or \$22, and they spend the same amount every month on public transportation, an indication of the price distortions that still exist in

Their pensions have almost kept up with inflation — but like many older Russians, they do not believe it, and they are angry with the society that has created such havoc with old While all of them are disappointed

in President Boris N. Yeltsin and say he has no chance of re-election, there is the same sharp generational divide in the family that is similar throughout most of Russia.

The sisters are far more liberal than their parents, who favor centrist former Communists.

Mr. Zverev thinks he will vote for the party of Ivan P. Rybkin, the speaker of Parliament, a former Communist who backs Mr. Yeltsin but favors more social spending and a crackdown on crime.

Mrs. Zvereva will vote for the Women of Russia, a popular party started by former Communists and military wives that has moved to the center to align itself with Prime Minister Viktor S. Chemomyrdin's party, Our Home Is Russia.

The younger people are only now concentrating on the election, but say they will vote for the Russia's Choice party of former Prime Minister Yegor T. Gaidar or the Yabloko faction of the liberal economist Grigory Yavlinsky.

"Common sense must prevail and take the upper hand in this country," Nina said. "It's the lack of common sense that often does us in."

COMING UP

In a bleak coastal town in Peru whose air is often thick with smoke; the local smelter. Southern Peru Copper Corp., complies with the country's environmental standards. That is precisely the problem, critics say.

Fears Mount Over the Fate Of 4 Captives In Kashmir

By John F. Burns New York Times Service

NEW DELHI — Concerns for the safety of four Western hostages in Indian-ruled Kashmir have mounted in the wake of claims by a shadowy Muslim separatist group, Al Faran, that it is no longer holding the four men it seized more than five months ago in a Himalayan mountain re-

gion popular among foreign trekkers.

A note delivered this week to a local newspaper in Srinagar, summer capital of the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir, said that three of the hostages had been "arrested" by Indian Array troops, and that the fourth man was "missing," after a clash between Al Faran members and the

Indian forces on Dec. 4.
Indian Army spokesmen had reported the clash earlier, and said that it had resulted in the death of Abdul Hamid Turki, whom the army identified as an Afghan citizen and as the leader of Al Faran, as well as four other Al Faran members. But affer the group's note to the Srinagar newspaper, the army said that none of the hostages was with Al Faran at the time of the army ambush in the Anantnag district, 45 miles (70 kilometers) southwest of Srinagar.

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Western diplomats monitoring the kid-napping in New Delhi noted that it was the first time since the first of the abductions on July 4 that an Al Faran statement had disclaimed knowledge of the hostages where-abouts. The diplomats also noted that ac-cording to Indian accounts of the last contact between Indian officials and Al Faran, in a radio conversation on Nov. 26, an Al Faran member had renewed threats to kill the hostages if India continued to refuse the group's demands for the release of Kashmiri

separatist leaders held in Indian jails.
Following the Al Faran claim that it was no longer holding the hostages, Indian of-ficials said their hopes for recovering the hostages alive had dimmed, but were not extinguished.

At the same time, the officials said that the note claiming that the hostages were caught up in the clash with the army could be an attempt to disclaim responsibility.

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"If they inaddelled them, it would be logical to try, and shift the blame to the army," an official said.

In its original statement on the clash, the army said that the hostages may have been handed over by other Al Faran members to "local militains," as distinct from the Afglians and Pakistanis said by Indian officials to form the core of Al Faran or ficials to form the core of Al Faran, or "abandoned," in the army's wording, in the mountains where they have been held for much of the time since their abduction. Although embassy officials in New Delhi bave said little publicly about the prolonged ordeal of the four hostages — Donald F. Hutchings, from the United States, Keith Mangan and Paul Wells from Britain, and Dirk Hasert from Germany — they have acknowledged privately that they have never been confident of securing their release. A fifth hostage, Hans-Christian Ostro of

Norway, was killed in August, apparently after attempting to escape...

Saudi Prince Seeks End to Iraq Sanctions

ily has called for an end to United Nations sanctions against lraq, a startling development in an ongoing Arab debate about ments on Wednesday added ways to deal with the regime of President Saddam Hussein.

Prince Khalid ibn Sultan is a Saudi Arabia's defense minis-ter, Prince Sultan ibn Abdulaziz, Sheikh Zayed ibn Sultan an Nathe second deputy to King Fahd and third in line for the throne.

Prince Khalid played a major role in leading Arab forces allied with the United States in the

troops against Iraq.

Both his royal status and his role in the war give his comweight, particularly as they were preceded by similar calls two months ago for an end of nephew of King Fahd and son of the sanctions by two other imhayan, the president of the United Arab Emirates, and the emir of Qatar.

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and they fell apart after a few weeks."

shops began to import better merchandise. For two

years, until October, she said she was a "shuttle trader," traveling to Turkey with a few thousand

dollars, buying clothing, much of it leather, and then bringing it back to Moscow to sell.
"But my turnover was too small," she says.

'And many shops opened importing normally, and

they swallowed traders like me. Eventually this kind

Now she's looking for other work, but has some savings and the proceeds on her small apartment,

Gennadi, who also drives a BMW, but a 1984

"Our industry was so poor, our products weren't

"And the same with the Zhiguli," Nina said.

model, dismissed Russian-made cars as junk while

of good quality," Natasha said. "We made shoes

of business will disappear."

must look for another way. Prince Khalid argued that harsh sanctions banning Iraq from selling its oil, using its airspace or using funds frozen abroad to buy goods and ser-vices had only reinforced Mr. Saddam's hold on power while starving the Iraqi people. "The sanctions have not

After a meeting Wednesday with President Hosni Mubarak look for another way," Prince

is magnified by a controversy that has been brewing among porters that "the sanctions have Arab countries over the sanc tions. Egypt, Syria, Yemen, Al-geria, Morocco and Tunisia have called for a revision of the

sanctions or a timetable for ending them. Many have criticized Jordan, which has taken several measures in recent months to tighten the controls on Iraq, whose only legal access to the world is by road link to Jordan.

Among other things King Hussein has met with figures of achieved their aim and we must the Iraqi opposition. He has also ordered a significant tightening of the border and a great re-duction in the staff of the Iraqi Embassy in Amman, after giving refuge to General Hussein Kamel, a son-in-law of Saddam

> August.
> Within the Gulf region, only
> Kuwait, with some lukewarm
> support from Saudi Arabia, is
> holding to the view that sanctions must continue until Iraq fulfills all UN resolutions. The stand is widely seen as a method of bringing down the Iraqi regime — a position also shared by the United States. — YOUSSEF M. IBRAHIM

Hussein who fled to Jordan in

The significance of his words Paris Air Controllers Plan New Strike PARIS (Reuters) - Air traffic controllers' unions have called a new strike for Friday that is expected to disrupt flights to and from Paris airports, civil aviation officials say.

A spokesman said he expected a repeat of the disruption Tuesday, when unions took to the streets across France for strikes

and demonstrations. There were also delays on Wednesday of up to 45 minutes, he added. Public transit in Paris, Bordeaux, Toulouse and Marseille was out of service again Wednesday and was seriously disrupted in other main cities. There was no Eurostar service in or out of Paris, but six of the 10 scheduled Brussels-London trains, which pass through French territory, made their runs.

There was also minimal ferry service between the mainland and the French Mediterranean island of Corsica.

Strikers March in Central Brussels

BRUSSELS (Reuters) — Thousands of Belgian public sector workers brought central Brussels to a standstill Wednesday afternoon as they protested proposed government budget cuts.

Union organizers said more than 40,000 people joined the march, which wound its way from North Station to past the bourse.

Organizers said the protest was the start of a campaign to force Prime Minister Jean-Luc Dehaene's center-left government to abandon sweeping budget cuts. Unions say Mr. Dehaene plans to trim more than 110 billion Belgian francs (\$3.69 billion) from the

1996 budget, threatening jobs, pensions and pay.

Mr. Dehaene is cutting the budget in an effort to meet the

European Union's Maastricht treaty criteria on entry into a future economic and monetary union.

Flu Outbreak Closes Czech Schools

PRAGUE (AP) - A flu epidemic is forcing the Czech Re-

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public to close its schools a week early for Christmas holidays. The closing will start Thursday and extend to Jan. 3. The flu epidemic has been spreading throughout the Czech Republic for the last two weeks with up to 8 percent of the confined to bed in some areas. The A-type flu, known for its painful course and night lever, is an annual phenomenon, but

this year has been particularly widespread.

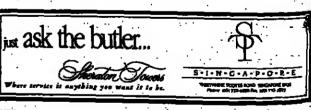
"There is no point in waiting till three quarters of the population get sick," said Jiri Vytlacil; the health officer who ordered the closing.

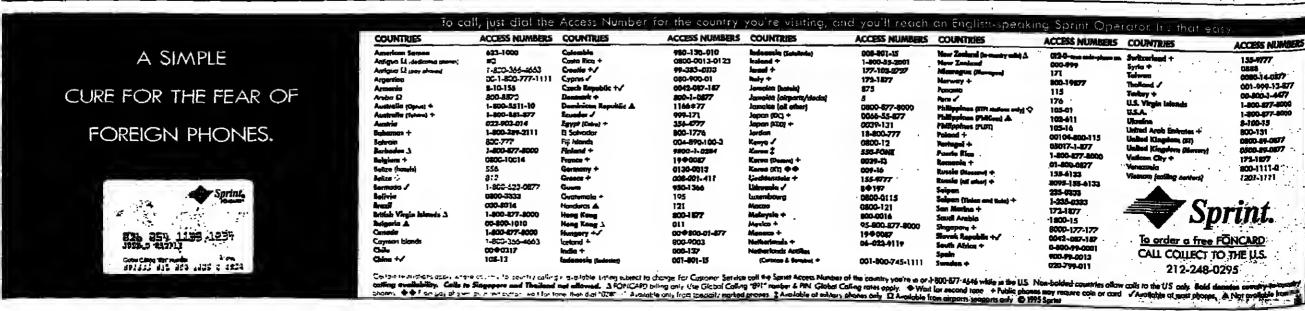
(AP)

Torrential rain and half caused heavy flooding in the Algarve region of southern Portugal, officials said Wednesday. No injuries were reported, but some schools were closed and traffic was disrupted.

Domestic flights in South Africa were delayed Wednesday during a one-day strike by a South African transport mion protesting privatization plans for the state-owned South African Airways. The government had held talks Monday with unions angered by the state's plans to sell some assets.

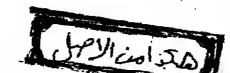
The Paris police sealed off the Georges Pompidou cultural center Wednesday after 2,000 demonstrators occupied the building calling for better treatment of the homeless and unent-





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By Stephen Labaton New York Times Service

a committee investigating Bill lawyer-client privilege. Clinton's involvement in the failed Whitewater real estate Wednesday to reconsider his refusal to provide the panel with notes taken at White Honse meeting regarding the transaction and its aftermath.

Invoking executive privilege for the first time on the Whitewater matter, the White House defended Mr. Clinton's decision to defy Senate subpoenas D'Amato said Wednesday, "I find this extraordinary with a position that relied in part on legal arguments put forward during Watergate by President Richard Nixon and three personal lawyers for said. This is an attempt to the Iran-contra scandal by former members of the Reagan administration.

In a brief filed with the Senate Whitewater committee over for notes of the meeting. which Mr. D'Amato presides, the president's lawyers repeated

and Mrs. Clinton to reconsider because the American people. do have a right to know," Mr. House argument. speaking of what went on in the Nov. 5, 1993, discussion in-

Mr. D'Amato added that the committee would meet Friday to vote on enforcing its subpoena

In asserting executive privilege, the White House relied on the White House argument that two court opinions involving

Both Sides Optimistic on Budget

WASHINGTON - Their differences narrowed by a new economic forecast, negotiators from the White House and Congress expressed optimism that they could avert another partial shutdown of the government this weekend and eventually reach an overall budget agreement.

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The most conciliatory note came from Senator Bob Dole, Republican of Kansas, the majority leader. After he and House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Republican of Georgia, spoke with President Bill Clinton on the telephone, Mr. Dole said he would agree to a one-week extension of the government's temporary authority to spend money to give the budget negotiators breathing room.

Under the agreement last month that ended the six-day partial shutdown of the bureaucracy, the government's spending authority will end at midnight Friday. Unless an extension is approved, the many departments and agencies whose appropriations have not yet become law will have to close heginning this weekend except for essential services.

Mr. Dole's position, however, may not be the determining. one. Republicans in the House are taking a harder line. Representative John R. Kasich, Republican of Ohio, chairman of the Budget Committee; suggested that Republicans would make considerable demands on the president in return for agreeing to continue spending anthority. He said Republicans would send the president on Friday a measure that would keep the government open and be consistent with our plan to balance the budget."

The White House said Wednesday that Mr. Clinton still wanted an extension of spending authority until Jan. 26, but that he would take a shorter one if that was all he could get from Congress. (NYT)

Curbs on Book Royalties Sought

WASHINGTON - The House Athics committee proposed a rule to prohibit members from earning more than \$20,400 a year in book royalties, saying the step was necessary since Mr. Gangrich's book deal, creates the fine

before Congress quits for the year and it is adopted, it would take effect on Jan. 1 and could out into royalties still due Mr. Gingrich for his book, "To Renew America," which soldwell last summer, but is now offered at cut rates.

Under existing rules; book royalties: are specifically excluded from the \$20,400 outside income limit, and so Mr. Gingrich was able to agree to a \$4.5 million advance from HarperCollins. That deal provoked an uproar, and Mr. Gingrich later agreed to accept a \$1 advance and a standard percentage of book sales as a royalty. The committee's proposed rule would prohibit any advances in the future.

House Clerk Fires 10 Staffers

WASHINGTON - In the latest example of what happens when control of Congress shifts from one party to another, the Republican-appointed clerk of the House has dismissed 10 career employees three weeks before the Christmas hol-

Democratic legislators protested the dismissals, calling them cruel and suggesting that Republicans want to fill the slots with patronage workers. At the same time, they acknowledged that the clerk, Robin H. Carle, has the right to discharge whomever she pleases.

In this case the clerk told one Democrat, Representative Steny H. Hoyer of Maryland, that the dismissals were part of an administrative "fine-tuning." Mr. Hoyer said, "Ten at a clip doesn't sound like fine-tuning to me." (NYT)

Quote/Unquote

Willie Brown, the former speaker of the California State Assembly, following his election as the first black mayor of San Francisco: "The night is over and I done

The Reverend Jesse L. Jackson remarking on the election of his son, Jesse Jr., to Congress in a special election in Chicago: "This is not a secular holiday, it is a sacred boly

Mr. Clinton could withhold ma when that privilege was in- "The constitution gives the terial from the committee about taked, ultimately unsuccess-a 1993 Whitewater meeting in taily; by Mr. Nixon's lawyers. WASHINGTON — Senator volving senior aides and lawyers — The brief is bound to become Alfonse D'Amato, chairman of because it was protected by the the basis of a struggle in the milicantly impair the performance investigation of the precident's lawful

courts and in the campaign. Un-But the administration also till the current clash with the asserted, for the first time, that Sepate Whitewater committee, deal, urged the president the material was protected by the White House had been reexecutive privilege. Executive incume to invoke either privprivilege protects the confiden- ilege, fearful that it would untiality of communications in dermine the claim that the volving the president's lawful president had been as forthcomng as possible with all inves-"I would urge the president

Mr. D'Amato, Republican of New York, rejected the White

and aroublesome, and I think it Nov. 5, 1993, discussion in will altimately be damaging to volving four White House aides the president and first lady," he stonewall our committee, and the public will be outraged.

The committee is investigating the Clintons' role in a failed Whitewater, and in the collapse of a savings and loan owned by their partners in the deal. Mr. Clinton was governor of Arkansas at the time.

Last week, the White House said it would refuse to comply with the subpoenas, and Tuesday's claim of executive privilege began a legal process that officials predicted would wind up in the federal courts.

In its brief, the White House fraud indictment. said that, in issuing the subpoenas, the committee had sought to invade a fundamental right of the president.

"Executive privilege clearly

president the right to protect the confidentiality of material the disclosure of which would sigmance of the president's lawful duties, particularly against incursions by the legislative

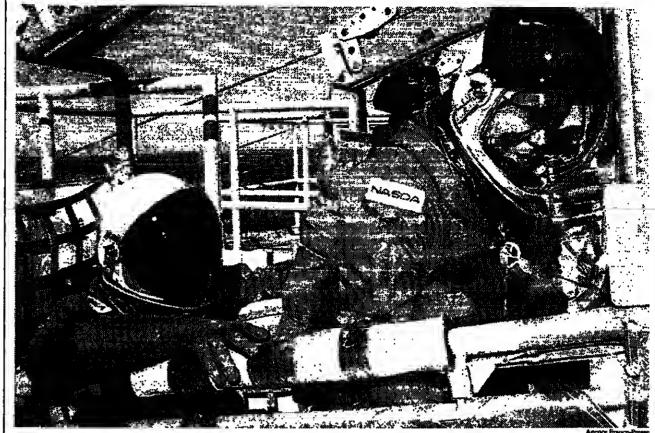
The brief said that the notes were covered by executive privilege because consultations between government lawyers and the president's private lawyers were essential for the president to receive "effective legal advice.

The meeting under investigation by the Senate committee occurred Nov. 5, 1993, just as two politically sensitive investigations touching the president were finding their way to the White House.

Shortly before the meeting, the White House was told by the general counsel at the Treakansas real estate venture, sury Department about an investigation into Madison Guaranty, a savings and loan that had been owned by James B. Mc-Dougal, the Clintons' partner, along with his wife, Susan, in the Whitewater real-estate ven-

> White House was learning the details of new accusations by David Hale, an Arkansas municipal judge, who was facing a

Judge Hale, who ran an investment company backed by the Small Business Administration, had claimed that Mr. Clinton pressured him to make an would protect notes of the Nov. improper \$300,000 federally 5 meeting," the brief said. backed loan to Mrs. McDougal.



IN CASE — Crew members of the shuttle Endeavour practicing with the emergency escape basket in Florida

Away From

Politics

 A report from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration asserts that contrary to what critics have said, there are no important drugs on the market in Germany and England that are not available in the United States hut should be. (NYT)

The sky began to clear along the West

clared a state of emergency and called up National Guardsmen to help with the (AP)

• The new judge assigned to the Oklahoma bombing case has scrapped the May 17 trial date. A new trial date for the was not set. "The court felt like there was You all take care of mom and dad, I'm Coast of the United States after strong much work to be done before the case ready.

winds and nearly two feet of rain knocked could go to trial." a prosecutor, Patrick out power to 1.8 million people, killing at Ryan, said after meeting with Judge least five persons and ripping up roofs and trees. The governor of Oregon decase last week.

Richard Matsch, who was assigned the case last week.

(AP)

 A man convicted of strangling a Houston oil company worker was put to death in Huntsville in the fourth execution in Texas in a week. James Michael Briddle. 40, died eight minutes after being injected with chemicals. He spent his last day with two former soldiers charged in the attack his brothers. His last words: "I love you.

Suspect Pleads Not Guilty of Plot to Blow Up 11 U.S. Airliners

NEW YORK - A suspect in a plot to bomb 11

U.S. planes on a single day pleaded not guilty in federal court Wednesday after his arrest in

The defendant, Wali Khan Amin Shah, stood silently as Judge Kevin Duffy of U.S. District Court entered the plea on his behalf and ordered him held without bail. Judge Duffy, who last year

"How he ends up here doesn't give him a free try home," the judge said.

"He told me he's innocent of the charges," Mr. Shah's lawyer, David Greenfield, said outside the third man charged in a plot to terrorize the United States into changing its Middle East policies by blowing up 11 planes. The others are Ramzi Ahmed Yousef, the

presided over the World Trade Center bombing trial, was unimpressed with a complaint that Mr. Shah had been abducted from a Malaysian street and held for 10 to 12 hours before being turned over to U.S. authorities.

courtroom, "He did oot commit these crimes." brought to New York oo Tuesday, said a U.S. law conspiracy charges in the alleged airliner plot. enforcement source who spoke on condition of Mr. Shah, like Mr. Murad, is charged only in

terrorize the United States into changing its

alleged mastermind of the Trade Center bomb-Mr. Shah was arrested on Saturday and was ing and Abdul Hakim Murad, who also faces

the airliner plot, even though the Feb. 26, 1993, Trade Center bombing that killed six people and injured more than 1,000 others is part of the same indictment. Judge Duffy said be planned to sever the airline trial from the Trade Center case.

Congress Backs V-Chip for TV Violence

By Edmund L. Andrews

their official endorsement to a are becoming available. deal quietly struck last week. block out violent program of fostering violence.

cations Commission.

The measure would become along in House-Senate negotiations.

The V-chip, first proposed by Representative Edward J. Markey; Democrat of Mas-sachusetts, was opposed by Re-used to offer closed-caption insachusetts, was opposed by Republican leaders in both houses st summer. They said then that they considered it an unacceptable government intrusion into the marketplace.

But Democrats managed to win support for the proposal on interval — the black line at the separate votes in each chamber bottom of the screen that only and the question became becomes visible if the televi-whether Republicans would sion picture begins to flutter. weaken the measure in the conference committee.

Still, the idea has proved rying a violence rating. House and Senate conferees popular with parent and eduhave agreed to require U.S. cation groups and has been hard television stations would have argued that the V-chip does not television manufacturers to in- to oppose for Republicans who to attach codes to violent pro- begin to solve the problem of clude in all new sets a computer promote family values and acchip that would allow parents to cuse the entertainment industry The Clinton administration

sure would also require the U.S. thusiastic endorsement. But the broadcasting and entertainment overall telecommunications industries to devise a rating sysbill still faces substantial hurtem for violent shows within a dles in the House-Senate conyear. If they failed to do so, ference panel, whose members "guidelines" would be drawn have made little progress reup by the Federal Communi- solving the toughest disputes dividing them.

And President Bill Clinton

part of a broad bill to rewrite has said he may veto the overall American communications bill depending on the resolu-laws that has been inching tion of such issues as the revised limits on how many televisions stations a single company can own.

The V-chip relies on the formation to television viewers with impaired bearing. A television station would transmit a special code for a program in a part of the television signal known as the vertical hlanking

Television broadcasters already transmit caption informa-Some broadcasters have said tion for many programs and the that imposing e rating system electronics industry has already would be tantamount to gov- set provisional standards to ernment censorship and would make space for codes that could probably be ineffective. Man- be used to signal programs with ufacturers have decried the idea violence, sexual content or foul

of government decrees in tech- language. It is not clear exactly vision are skeptical that a V-chip oology, saying it would stifle how the envisioned system would accomplish much.
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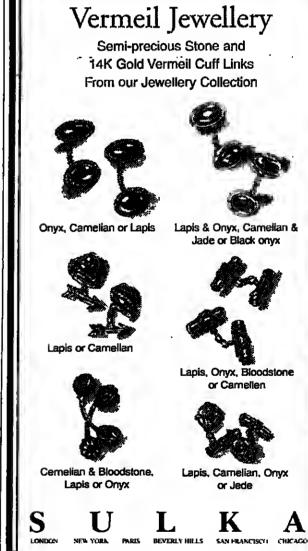
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inition of violence. Many critics of violent tele- lence-blocking capability.

parent to block any show car- pressure on the television industry about violent program-To be effective, however, ming for years, has frequently Another problem, he has not-

vision companies devise their ed, is that today's television sets own rating systems and that the will be used for more than a The so-called V-chip mea- has given the V-chip its en- code be applied to any program decade to come. So it will be sure would also require the U.S. thus iastic endorsement. But the that meets the industry's def- years before every set is equipped with automatic vio-

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Japanese Guru Accused by Aide

He Says Orders for Crimes All Came From Cult Chief

TOKYO — One after the

other, court confessions by members of the Aum Shinrikyo cult have pointed an accusing finger at their former leader, ment in the cult's crimes.

The latest accusations were made Wednesday by the sect's No. 2, Kiyohide Hayakawa, who admitted that he had tory used to manufacture sarin nerve gas in the village of Kamikuishiki, at the foot of

The sarin gas killed 11 people and injured 5,500 on March 20 in an attack on the Tokyo been imprisoned since May 16.

Seven other people were killed by the same gas in a June 1994 attack in Matsumoto that was also attributed to the sect.

"I ask the many victims of the Aum sect for forgiveness. I apologize for the crimes which were committed and the suf-

fering which was inflicted," Mr. Hayakawa, the sect's former construction minister, said

"I will await sentencing, but before that I intend to say ev-Shoko Asahara, despite his re- erything I know about the facts peated denials of any involve- as they happened, without hiding anything," he was quoted by Jiji Press as saying.

Mr. Hayakawa insisted that when the factory was built he did not know what use would be helped to build a chemical fac- made of the sarin gas. He stressed that the orders for all the murders and crimes committed by cult members came from its guru. Mr. Asahara, who has denied

He is to go on trial early next year. He faces the death penalty, by hanging, if he is found guilty of murder and attempted Many here believe, however,

that the trial could drag on for years if Mr. Asabara pleads oot guilty or if he takes any appeal



Thousands of Japanese packing a Tokyo park on Wednesday in order to draw for 54 court seats for the first hearing of Kiyohide Hayahawa, the No. 2 in the Aum Shinrikyo cult. Mr. Hayakawa apologized in court for the cult's crimes.

to the supreme court. Nearly all his close followers

have confessed in court. Some pleaded guilty in the hope of getting lighter seotences. Vir-On Monday, 3 of the 10

members of the hit squad that used umbrellas to pierce plastic cult's leader spoke of "saving sering followers are released the saring gas in the bags containing sarin in subway as many people as possible being sought by the police.

Tokyo subway confessed in cars crammed with travelers, from an imminent apocacourt, among them Toru Toy-oda, 27, and Kenichi Hirose, utes later. Mr. Hayakawa said Wednes-

getting lighter seotences. Virtually all say Mr. Asahara was the prime force behind the sect's crimes.

Mr. Hirose said Mr. Asahara day that when he joined the king of the world through the use of arms."

Mr. Hirose said Mr. Asahara day that when he joined the sect, he was "sedoced and moved" by the ideal of redemption put forward by Mr. They explained how they Asahara. He added that the

Only one of Mr. Asahara's close followers has remained faithful — Masami Tsuchiya, 30, the head of the sect's chemical unit. He has said formally that he will not reply to any

Seven Aum followers are still

sia — could be accommodated in a

"The treaty is open to the big powers," said Kasem S. Kasemsri, Thailand's foreign minister. "It is up to

them when they will sign."
Mr. Banham said that the neaty was

"an essential component" of a longstanding ASEAN policy to make Southeast Asia a "zone of peace, free-

dom and neutrality," free of foreign-military bases and outside interfer-

He said that when the group was established by its five original members—Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand—in 1967, "our founding fathers envisaged"

ASEAN as one community comprising

all 10 countries of Southeast Asia com-

ing together with a common desire to

protocol that would be available for

have reached tentative agreement on details covering the supply of ouclear technology to Pyongyang, a South Korean Poreign Ministry official said Wednesday. The consortium, whose main members are the United States, Japan and South Korea, is expected to sign the deal

North Korea Nuclear Deal Seen

SEOUL - North Korea and an international consortium

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with Pyongyang representatives in New York after the latest round of negotiations, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity. State radio and the domestic Yonhap news agency said the agreement would be signed Friday.

The two sides have been wrangling over how to fulfill an accord under which Washington is to provide Pyongyang with light-water nuclear reactors. In return, North Korea would phase out its graphite reactors, which are capable of producing material for nuclear weapons. The official did not give details of the deal.

Hong Kong Court Makes History

HONG KONG-For the first time in more than 150 years

of British rule, the High Court on Wednesday handed down its first verdict in the Chinese language.

The 16-page ruling, which followed the territory's first Chinese-language hearing, found for a 90-year-old woman who had accused her children of swindling her.

The High Court decided to allow cases to be tried in Courtnesse in preparation for the reversion of the territory to

Cantonese in preparation for the reversion of the territory to Chinese sovereignty in 1997.

Taiwan Party Banishes Dissidents

TAIPEI — Taiwan's ruling Knomintang banished two dissident vice chairmen on Wednesday for violating party rules, a spokesman said.

The dissidents, Lin Yang-kang and Han Pei-tsun, were accused of campaigning for opposition candidates in the Dec. 2 parliamentary elections. (AFP)

Human Rights Lesson for Castro

TOKYO — Prime Minister Tomichi Murayama told the visiting Cuban leader, Fidel Castro, on Wednesday that Cuba needed to improve its human rights record if it wants better

Mr. Murayama's comment was unusual because Japan usually avoids discussing rights with visiting leaders. (AP)

Vietnamese Protest Repatriation

HANOI - More than 100 Vietnamese boat people who were denied asylum in Hong Kong and the West protested their forced return home Wednesday by refusing to get off a plane at Hanoi airport for three hours.

The 112 men, women and children were returned from Hong Kong, where some spent years in detention camps hoping in vain to be allowed to go on to the West. The British colony has stopped waiting for the 21,000 Vietnamese inmates to volunteer to come home and has stepped up forced repatriations.

VOICES From Asia

José Ayala Lasso, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, after visiting East Timor, the former Portuguese colony annexed by Indonesia in 1976: "There are very grave violations of human rights in East Timor."

Wei Shanshan, sister of the Chinese dissident Wei Jingsheng, on his conviction for sedition: "The Chinese government is shameless. They operate like an organized crime group that pays no attention to the law."

Southeast Asia Nations to Strengthen Security Ties

By Michael Richardson International Herald Tribune

BANGKOK — Buoyed by rapid economic growth and declining tensions in the region, leaders of all 10 countries in Southeast Asia will meet for the first time in Bangkok on Friday to seal plans for closer political and security cooperation, despite objections from the United States and other outside powers.

Banharn Silpa-archa, Thailand's prime minister, who will be host at the meeting, said it marked the start of an era in which Southeast Asian nations with their own hands.

By inviting the leaders of Burma, groot Cambodia and Laos to their two-day A summit meeting that opens Thursday, the heads of government of ASEAN, the Association of South East Asian Nations, have chosen to ignore objections from the United States and other Western nations.

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from the U.S. !

They are concerned that the presence of General Than Shwe, Burma's prime minister, will strengthen the hold on power of the military regime in Rangoon and weaken prospects for

In addition, the leaders of ASEAN and the three other Southeast Asian countries will sign a treaty on Friday banning ouclear weapons from the region, despite objections from the Unit-ed States and China.

The seven ASEAN members -Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philip-pines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam — want to achieve a united Southwould take steps to "shape their future" east Asia by 2000 by including Burma as well as Cambodia and Laos in the

ASEAN's increasing confidence and assertiveness are based on its record of maintaining regional stability and an average economic growth rate of more than seven percent a year

growth rate continues, the group, which has a combined population of 420 million, could overtake Japan as the world's third largest trading entity

They said that greater regional cohesion would help Southeast Asia pressure on Burma to restore democguard against external pressure or interference, whether from Western oations or from Asian big powers such as China, Japan or India.
The officials said that "constructive

engagement" - a term Washington has applied to its China policy — would encourage the spread of free markets and more open societies in Burma and Communist-controlled countries such as Vietnam and Laos.

However, on a recent visit to South China Sea which it claims.

Bangkok, Gareth Evans, the Aus- The United States is concerned that tralian foreign minister, warned ASEAN against rushing to welcome Burma into its fold. He said the Burmese military regime, which has in the past decade.

refused to discuss political reform
Officials said that any reservations promote regional peace, stability and
Officials said Wednesday if that with the Nobel Peace Prize laureate about the terms of the treaty by the five the well-being of their people."

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and the main declared nuclear powers — the United opposition party she heads, was seek-States, China, Britain, France and Rusopposition party she heads, was seeking respectability from its association with ASEAN.

The United States also wants the international community to put more racy and improve human rights. In a strongly worded attack on the Burmese junta, Madeleine K. Al-bright, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said Monday that the junta was operating outside the law and internationally recognized stan-

dards of human rights.
On the ouclear issue, China objects to the inclusion in the Asian nuclear weapon-free zone of large areas of the

the movement of its nuclear-powered or nuclear-armed naval vessels or military aircraft through the region might be restricted by the treaty.

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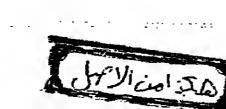
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Felipe González, left, welcoming José Maria Aznar to talks Wednesday in Madrid.

Greek Cypriots Reject Turkish Offer on EU

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NICOSIA — The government Wednesday rejected a conditional Turkish offer agreeing to Cyprus's accession to the European Union in return for a separate sovereignty for a Turk-ish Cypriot state within a proposed Cypriot

United Nations-sponsored negotiations be orchestrated the spectacular seizure of bomb-tween Greek and Turkish Cypriots on regrade photonium at Munich airport last year. unifying the island in a UN-proposed fed-

short-lived coup by supporters of union with

The Turkish Cypriot leader, Rauf Denktash, Papandreou Stabilizes said he would support EU membership for a federated state, provided Greek Cypriots agreed "to respect, within the terms of a political settlement, the sovereignty and po-litical equality of the Turkish Cypriot side."

France Deplores EU Vote

its European Union partners who voted for a United Nations resolution calling for an immediate end to nuclear tests and said it had no

legal impact.
"We have observed, and it is not surprising. that there has been an insufficient show of unity in the EU on a subject concerning the security and defense of everyone," Foreign Minister Hervé de Charette told the National

The UN General Assembly voted, 85 to 18, Pinheiro. on Tuesday to approve the resolution. Without naming France and China directly, it strongly deplored nuclear testing and urged an end to all (Reuters)

Spain Election Agenda

MADRID - The leaders of Spain's two José Borrell of Spain main political parties agreed Wednesday not

opposition Popular Party leader, José Maria Aznar, met for the first time in 11 months to discuss the implications of this weekend's European Union summit meeting as well as

New Evidence Questions German Plutonium Bust

deration.

BONN — A Munich newspaper WednesThe rejection deepened the deadlock in day cited new evidence that federal agents

Süddentsche Zeitung quoted a Foreign Min-istry document dated Oct. 11, 1994, as saying cration.

Cyprus has been unofficially partitioned since Turkey invaded and occupied the northern one-third of the island in 1974 following a conty uncovered but also largely instigated by corr services."

istry document dated UCL 11, 1974, as only use that the smuggling of the deadly nuclear material from Moscow to Germany "was not conly uncovered but also largely instigated by corr services."

ATHENS - Prime Minister Andreas Pa-pandreou was in stable condition Wednesday after doctors managed to quash an infection he picked up from one of the machines keeping him alive for the past three weeks.

A medical bulletin said antibiotics were still being given to the 76-year-old prime minister to fully wipe out the infection that he picked up PARIS - France on Wednesday attacked, Monday, which caused fever and forced him onto a respirator.



STRASBOURG: Monthly European Parliament session continues with speech by External Relations Commissioner João de Deus

BRUSSELS: Competition Commissioner Karel van Miert meets Communicatioos Minister Agostmo Gambino of Italy

BRUSSELS: Environment Commissioner Rift Bjerregaard meets Environment Minister

to modify the existing state pension plan and keep it off the agenda for general elections expected next March.

Prime Minister Felipe González and the BRUSSELS: Signing of European accord on parental leave giving all employees the right to take care of their young children.

Sources: Agence Europe, AFP

Italy Arrests Extreme Right Leader

Wednesday that they had detained the founder of an outlawed extreme rightist group after he put up posters in central Rome demanding the release of Erich Priebke, a former SS cap-

Mr. Priebke, 82, is being held in a Rome military prison pending a war crimes trial for Italy's worst wartime atrocity, the 1944 massacre of 335 men and

The police said that Maurizio Boccacci, 3g, and three others were taken into custody early Monday morning as they hung

ROME — The police said Via del Corso, the main thorafter his release. oughfare near the prime minister's office.

> and released pending a decision by magistrates whether to bring

was the founder of the extreme Argentina after losing a 17-right Western Political Move-month extradition struggle. He ment, which was outlawed under a 1993 law banning groups that threaten or use violence for ethnic, racial or religious discrimination.

"We will follow the Priebke trial closely," Mr. Boccacci was quoted as saying by the

"There will be other demonstrations. Priebke was only a The four were held overnight soldier, he wasn't guilty. He had released pending a decision bad to obey orders, 'Mr. Bocymagistrates whether to bring cacci added.

harges. Mr. Priebke, who was ex-The police said Mr. Boccacci tradited to Italy last month from had lived openly in Argentina since 1948. He admitted taking part in the massacre but said be was following military orders. The massacre was ordered by

the SS in reprisal for the killings of 33 German soldiers by Italian partisans.

EUROPEAN TOPICS

For Spain's Muslims, Hostility Is Receding

More than 500 years after King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella drove the last Moors from Spain, a Muslim revival is under way in the southern Andalusia region.

In Granada, more and more Roman Catholics have converted to Islam in recent years. They find the atmosphere in what was the last Muslim city on the Iberian Peninsula conducive to their beliefs, says the German weekly Der Spiegel.

The city's Islamic community now has 500 members. In all Andalusia, there are 7,000 Muslims and more than 30 mosques and Islamic centers. The numbers have grown rapidly since the Socialist government took office 13 years ago, easing the social climate. In May 1994, the Muslims of Granada celebrated the three-day feast of sacrifice known as Idel Kabir - the first time they had done so in half a millennium.

But some Christians are uncomfortable with the trend. A citizens' group has be-moaned the new "cos-mopolitan" influence and what it calls the danger from "newly converted Muslims and foreign students."

Every Jan. 2, these traditionalists still celebrate the Christian march into Grana-

Around Europe

In Germany, controversy has arisen over a Protestant church's attempt to help accommodate the local Muslim community. Last spring, the executive committee of the Church of the Holy Spirit in the Bavarian town of Ebersberg decided to lease a wing of the church to the local Islamic community center. One room would be used as a prayer room, another for ritual washings. The church's minister, Rainer Brandt, supported the arrangement. The God known by Christians as Jesus Christ, he said, was the same one Muslims called Allah. But one church official complained, calling Islam a heretical religion. The regional church board, after try-

ing to maintain its distance

from the dispute, finally ruled

that no part of the church proper may be used by Mus-

A 60-year-old promise has finally been kept: Survivors of the International Brigades who fought in the Spanish Civil War on the Republican side are to be granted Spanish citizenship. They had come from every continent, some 40,000 in all, to rally around the battle cry of "No pasaran" against the forces of Franco, Now, says Ana Pérez, president of the Association of Friends of the International Brigades, perhaps 300 of them survive. About half of the volunteers died in the Civil War, many others in World War II.

Local authorities in the ancient Dutch town of Zwolle have been criticized for trapping 2,000 pigeons and selling them to French paté makers. A Zwolle spokesman said the pigeons were a nuisance and a health risk. But animal protection groups say the townsfolk weren't given a chance to speak up for those warm and

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Rights Aside, EU Widens Trade With Turkey

By Celestine Bohlen New York Times Service

ROME — Turkey's long-standing campaign to enter into a customs union with Europe ended in victory Wednesday, when the European Parliament in Strasbourg voted by a wide margin to lift remaining trade barriers with its eastern

The vote - 343 to 149, with 36 abstentions - carried a significance that went far beyond the economic benefits the trade union is expected to bring to both sides and was closely watched in foreign capitals, particularly Washington, where Turkey's bid had strong support.

For Turkey, the customs union was a tions. full membership in the exclusive club of Turkey's ambassador to Italy, "so we gratulations," she told a crowd of cheer- lent about its value once it takes effect.

human-rights record which, while im- toward a rapprochement to Europe." proved, falls short of European stan-

The intense lobbying campaign that cused not on economic issues, but on human rights, particularly the Turkish security forces' harsh campaign against Kurdish separatists. But in the final debare, a majority of the members of the European Parliament were swayed by Turkey's argument that rejection would jeopardize its recent democratic reforms and encourage an anti-Western mood on the eve of Dec. 24 parliamentary elec-

test of its acceptance by Europe as a worthy political as well as economic importance is far greater than the economic aspect," said Unal Unsal,

The customs union, which is due to go into effect Jan. 1, is expected to produce Necmettin Erbakan, leader of the Musa boom in European imports to Turkey, lim fundamentalist Welfare Party, preceded the vote in Strasbourg had fo- and double exports to Europe of Turkish textiles, now one of the country's largest coming elections, was equally quick to foreign-currency earners. Business interests in Europe, as well as in Turkey, soned chalice." actively campaigned on Turkey's be-half, lobbying their governments and appealing for popular support with fullpage newspaper ads.

Prime Minister Tansu Ciller, who had put the clinching of the trade deal at the heart of her True Path Party's campaign. triumphantly broadcast the news of the Strasbourg vote from loudspeakers atop

her campaign bus in Istanbul.

European nations. For Turkey's critics, see it as an important political step — ing supporters. "Now we have begun a it was seen as an endorsement of a more than a step, a great big step — national struggle on the road in full membership in the European Union."

But one of her chief opponents, which is expected to show gains in the attack the deal he once called "a poi-

When we come to power in 11 days time, we won't recognize this dog-andbone of an agreement," he said, ac-

cording to the Anatolian News Agency. For Turkey, the custom union vote became a kind of litmus test of national identity. Although regarded as an economic boon overall, it could threaten some of Turkey's protected state industries, and voters, squeezed by the gov-We are in the customs union, con-emment's austerity plan, may be ambiva-

Kohl Is Cornered by Coalition Dispute

partners announce a decision on minute in recent years that even wiretapping that could force a simple swap can turn into a Germany's justice minister to roller-coaster ride. The wire-

resign.
The small Free Democratic Party has no obvious successor a new wiretapping law and one its ministers. Sabine Leutheuss- as a zany circus troupe. er-Schnarrenberger, quits in

Free Democratic leaders seem to have picked Edzard Schmidt-Jortzig, a former law professor and judge with one

Reuters year's experience in Parlia- tian Democrats have urged him cannot be part of a strategy for BONN — Chancellor Hel- ment, to replace her, party of to take the Justice Ministry survival." mut Kohl faces the possibility of a cabinet reshuffle on Thurs-day when his liberal coalition cabinet nominations at the last doubted that be would tamper tapping vote result will be made

known Thursday, "Theater of the absurd" the in line if, as widely expected, a Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung membership referendum backs said over a cartoon portraying

The ministerial switch does not effect Mr. Kohl's razor-thin majority in Parliament, but the party's persistent infighting harms the government's image.

with the agreement that gives them the Justice, Foreign and Economics ministries.

A Free Democratic Party ex-ecutive member, Gerhard Baum, warned that the party could be digging its own grave with a swing to the right. The Christian Democratic Party has long pressured the Free Democrats to accept to bill.

Some of Mr. Kohl's Chris- tween us and the CDU. That many's 16 state legislatures.

Lenthensser-Schnar-Mrs. renberger is the last ranking figure from her party's dying civil liberties wing that helped make the party a dynamic partner for Social Democratic chancellors like Willy Brandt and Helmut Schmidt in the 1970s.

After 13 years at Mr. Kohl's side, the party has narrowed its focus almost exclusively to business issues without maintaining the support of the free marketeers it tries to represent.

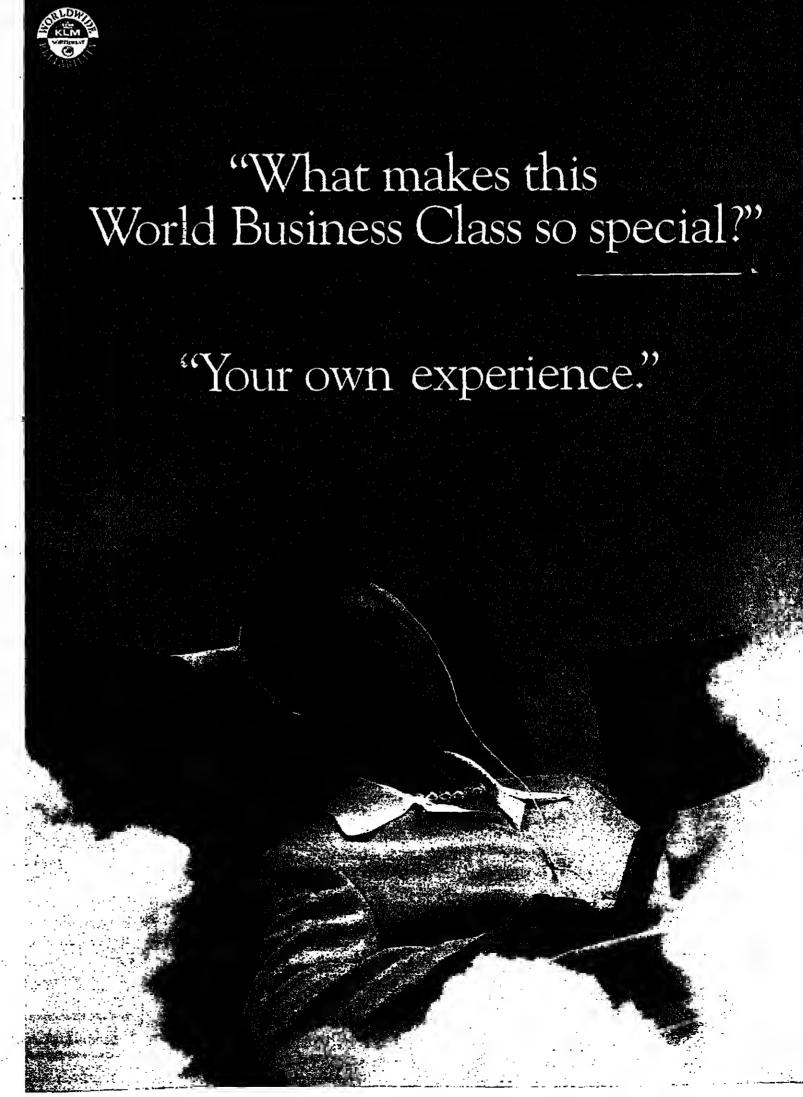
"This is no liberal signal for the future." Mr. Baum told by almost half in the 1994 election to 6.9 percent, and it has breaking down the barriers be-

Russians Dismiss Rutskoi Charges

The Associated Press MOSCOW - The Russian prosecutor general's office has officially dropped corruption charges against Alexander V. Rutskoi, a former vice president and leading hard-liner, a news agency said Wednesday.

The case against Mr. Rui-skoi, a presidential hopeful who beads a party running in parliamentary elections Sunday. was closed due to 'absence of a crime," Interfax reported.

The allegations date from the summer of 1993, when Mr.



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By Mary Jordan and Kevin Sullivan

TOKYO -- One of the world's great capitals may soon be just one of the world's great cities

In 1992, the Japanese Parliament voted to move itself out of Tokyo. After three years of studying the details, a government committee on Wednesday gave the go-ahead to a \$140 hillion construction project that is to result in a new, working capital by 2010.

Critics of Tokyo have been clamoring for a new capital forever, since the city was the committee studying the capital reloca-chosen in 1868. But the complaints grew tion to speed up its deliberations.

more insistent in the late 1980s as Tokyo became more crowded and expeosive.

Land is so expensive that most people hold no hope of buying a home. Millions who work in Tokyo cannot even afford tiny apartments and spend hours commuting in trains world famous for having "pusbers" who jam people into packed cars.

A quarter of the oation's population, 30 million people, lives in metropolitan Tokyo, in the middle of an earthquake-prone area. After more than 5,500 people were killed in a devastating quake in January in Kobe, Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama urged

The panel's report calls for a relatively uncrowded area, no more than 180 miles from Tokyo, to be selected within two years. and for construction to begin before 2000. The area is to be within 40 minutes of an international airport and out be located along earthquake fault lines.

Ten years could pass, after construction begins, for the first legislators to begin wrangliog on the floor of a new Diet, or Pariament. The Supreme Court, the prime minister's residence and office, cabinet agencies government ministries would also move. Businesses and groups dependent on the government are expected to relocate to the new seal of government.

The Diet still must approve the specifics ago," said Tetsundo Iwakuni, a politician of any relocation, and some are skeptical that "But now the policy is too late." such a massive and expensive undertaking will ever happen.

The governor of Tokyo, for one, hopes it never does.

'Instead of spending huge sums on the construction of a oew capital, the government should conceourate on consolidating various functions to be more capable of handling disasters and winning competitions with other international cities," governor, Yukio Aoshima, said.

Other critics said the peak of growth for Tokyo, a city of 5 million people in 1950, was over. "This plan had meaning 20 years national consensus" for the move, he said.

Supporters say a new capital would give a boost to the economy. The huge construction project would create many jobs, they say, and the ripples would be felt throughout the country. Relocation also might aid efforts to decentralize the central bureaucracy.

Hopeful regional politicians, who already have been lobbying to win the new capital, will now move into high gear.

Eisaku Sato, the governor of Fukushima Prefecture, north of Tokyo, said the surrounding areas should "unite" to select the best place. "What is important is to build a

Foreign VIPs

Above It All

PARIS — Holding the signing ceremony sealing a Bosnia peace accord in Paris requires elaborate logistics to minimize the turmoil disrupting life in the French cap-

The event has been squeezed into a few hours at midday on Thursday so that foreign leaders can enter and leave the city by helicopter, overflying the traffic jams caused by strikes and the absence of public transport. As a result, President Bill Clin-

ton will spend more time in the air on round-trip flights than he will on the ground in Paris.

Landing on the grassy mall at the invalides, he and other leaders will spend much of their time shuttling between ceremonies. The signing will take place at the Elysée Palace, the French president's office, followed by a luncheon banquet at the French Foreign Ministry.

About 80 senior officials from Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia, the belligerent factions in the former Yugoslavia, are expected to attend. In addition to President Jacques Chirac, leaders will be present

from the other four governments involved in the five-nation mediation group: Britain, Germany, Russia and the United States. Officials from Islamic coun-

tries, which have backed the Muslim-led government in Bosnia, including Iran, also will attend.

VOICES: Lower in Japan

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the female vocalist sang the lower part and the male sang the

higher part." Why have women traditionally spoken in high voices in

"Your voice in the office and your voice at home are totally different," said Harumi Yamamoto, who works at a computer company in Tokyo. "The point is that when you are with a customer, you want to be polite If you're being courteous, your

voice naturally rises." Almost everyone agrees that high pitch is wrapped up in the courtesy. In polite conversation in Japan, people routinely denigrate themselves and try to sound unsure even about things they are certain of.

One technique women use to sound tentative, and therefore polite, is to raise their pitch and let their sentences trail off, the way Americans sometimes do when asking a question.

"A lower voice sounds too builying, too aggressive, too manly," said Julie Saito, a reporter at Asahi Shimbun.

Julie Saito said Japanese men eemed attracted by high voices

and girlish behavior.

"A high voice sounds more cute, more like a girlish image of women." Julie Saito said. "In the United States I project more confidence, while in Japan I find f act in a more cute way."

Julie Saito, like many bilin gual women, speaks in a higher pitch in Japanese. She said that when she returned recently from a visit to the United States and telephoned her Japanese friends they asked: "Is that really you Your voice sounds so low.

To be sure, in conversation at home or with friends. Japanese women sound even-toned to an American ear. But listen to the same woman apologizing to her boss on the phone and her voice may go off the register.
"I have a lot of friends who

visit me from Western countries, and although they don't understand Japanese, they told me that they'd noticed that Japanese women speak in shrill, infantile voices," said Hideki Kasuya, professor of speech science at Utsanomiya University.

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U.S. Gives Records On Bank Deposits To Roh Prosecutors

The Associated Press SEOUL - The United States has turned over court records that prosecutors hope will help them prove that for-mer President Roh Tae Won stashed bribes in Swiss bank

The documents are from a 1992 court case in which Mr. ernment has promised to help Roh's daughter, So Young, and ber husband were convicted of violating currency laws, For-eign Ministry officials said

Wednesday.
The husband and wife, each given a one-year suspended sentence, deposited nearly \$200,000 in 11 California banks during Mr. Roh's presidency in 1990. U.S. officials reportedly discovered that the money came from a Swiss bank.

The documents, given to the South Korean Embassy in

Swiss Ministers Confirmed

Agence France-Presse BERN — The Swiss Parliament on Wednesday re-appointed the federal government's seven ministers in a to move that further shored up the left-right coalition that has been in power for 35 years.

Washington, were expected to arrive in Seoul in a diplomatic pouch Friday, Foreign Ministry officials said Wednesday in

They said that if the U.S. court records are found "valuwith the Korean investigation.

Mr. Roh, in jail on corruption charges, has denied allegations that he hid millions of dollars in

Swiss bank accounts.
In October, Mr. Rob said on millioo remained in secret domestic bank accounts.

Mr. Roh asserted that business executives had donated the money. Prosecutors allege that he took bribes.

Mr. Roh's immediate predein jail, charged with masterbecame president in 1980 and was succeeded by Mr. Roh in

Mr. Roh's trial is scheduled to begin Monday. The prose-cution has until Dec. 22 to indict Mr. Chun, who also faces corruption charges.

BOSNIA: Drive to Widen Accord

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"We are working on this subject, which is very diffi-cult," Mr. de Charette said, that I think that between the for duty in Croatia.

main countries of the former While struggling to nail main countries of the former will be obtained today, tomorrow, or in the coming days."

He also said a strong incentive to achieve full recognition and lasting peace in the former Yugoslavia should be the longterm prospect of joining the European Union. Croatia and ahle," they will be forwarded to Slovenia have expressed a Switzerland. The Swiss gov- strong interest in becoming strong interest in becoming members of the 15-nation Union as a way of anchoring their nascent countries to a pole of Western stability.

Since the Dayton accord already confirms relations between Bosnia and the Serbianational TV that he amassed a Montenegro federation, the key \$654 million slush fund during his five-year term. He said \$230 nition pact would be to lower tensions in eastern Slavonia. the last pocket of Croatia still beld by Serbia.

Although the area is scheduled to return to Croatian control after a transition phase of up to two years, the truce is cessor, Chun Doo Hwan, is also fragile. United Nations officials say the border area could easily minding a 1979 coup. Mr. Chun erupt into a renewed battleground between Serbian and Croatian forces.

The UN secretary-general, Boutros Boutros Ghali, bas called for an international peacekeeping force of 9,300 en to reassure the Serbs that replace small Belgian and Rus- would be protected.

sian contingeots due to leave next month. But in contrast to the NATO-led force in Bosnia that has enlisted a score of countries, none has volunteered

Yugoslavia the recognitions down the recognition pact, the ministers also grappled with nagging concerns related to the Bosnia peace deal, particularly the troublesome matter of stronger security guarantees for Serbian civilians living in the Sarajevo area. As expected, Bosnian Serbs

rejected the terms of the Dayton accord by a 90 percent majority. They expressed anxiety that they would suffer retribution at the hands of Bosnian Muslims when the Sarajevo suburbs where they live are returned to Bosnian government control. Many Serbs have already made preparations to flee their homes.

France's peacekeeping force will be responsible for the Saraievo sector, and its government has been eager to respond to Serbian anxieties before trouble breaks out. Mr. de Charette said officials

at the meeting Wednesday agreed to give top priority to 'deal with everyone's legitimate concerns. Carl Bildt, the former

Swedisb prime minister wbo will supervise the peace accord. said he would send a mission to Sarajevo in the coming days to see what measures could be taksoldiers to be sent to the area to their families and property



A U.S. radar specialist monitoring the arrival of cargo planes in Tuzla during a storm Wednesday.

YANKS: Senate Rejects Bid to Cut Financing for the Troops in Bosnia

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is not the way to go." Recalling fierce debates during the Vietnam War about cutting off funds, Mr. Dole said the passage of the bill would have left American sol-

diers exposed to greater dangers. "It is wrong," be said, "because it makes our young men and women bear the brunt of a decision that was made not by them but by train the Bosnian Muslim military. the president, who is the commander in

Mr. Clinton has said that he would like a congressional endorsement in his pocket eration receives the assistance necessary to when he reaches Paris, but it was unclear

whether he would have that. The administration has invested its Arizona, which offers qualified support for the mission:

Chances for that measure's passage were thought to have been increased after Presthat the United States was taking sides. United States would lead efforts to arm and

It said the United States would take a leading role "in coordinating an international effort to ensure that the Bosnian Fedachieve an adequate military balance' by

the time the peace force leaves the region. Training programs and "nonlethal" as-

posal that Mr. Dole has drafted with Sen-ident wrote. Small-arms shipments to ator John S. McCain 3d, Republican of Bosnia could begin after three months. The administration had been reluctant to

provide such assurances for fear that the

ident Clinton sent the two senators a letter The proposal appeared likely to be ap-Tuesday seeking to assure them that the proved by the Senate, but Republican leaders said the House would oot even consider

the Dole-McCain resolution. After a meeting of House Republicans on Wednesday morning. Representative John Bochner of Carlo, who heads the party cancus, said the House would debate three proposals: cutting off funds, opposing deployment but supporting the troops, and a Democratic proposal backing the president, but not the Dole-McCain measure. hopes in congressional passage of a pro- sistance could begin immediately, the pres-

SANCTIONS: U.S. Aims at Foreign Firms That Trade With Iran ness with Iran to go along, eign companies that help Iran the president can issue have

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number of untapped oil and gas fields, after Conoco, a DuPoot company, reached a preliminary deal that infuriated Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher and other Clinton administration officials. Mr. Christopher argued that the United States should take the lead in depriving Iran of the financial resources it needed to develop nuclear weapons or to

sponsor terrorist activities. But so far, the administration has not been able to persuade any major ally that does husi-

Iran's biggest customers, have ignored the embargo, with ofthe only way to bring pressure on its government. And Total SA, one of France's hig oil refiners, took over the deal that

Conoco was forced to give up. D'Amato said before the committee voted Tuesday.

uttee voted Tuesday. Iran with oil development Since the spring, he has equipment."

Japanese companies, among develop its energy resources, proposing that Washington bar all imports from such companies ficials in Tokyo saying that eco- and prevent their executives nomic engagement with Iran is from entering the United States.

That brought a sharp response from the European Union, which argued that the United States had "no basis in international law to claim the "This hill will aim directly at right to impose sanctions on Iran's life, its oil industry." Mr. any foreign person or foreignowned company who supplies

pressed legislation to get the Partly because of the Euro-United States to act against for-pean objection, the sanctions ropean banks. Partly because of the Euro- ably scare off Japanese and Eu-

been greatly watered down. But the agreement reached

between the White House and Senator D'Amato's committee would also bar American financial institutions from leading more than \$10 million s year to anyone or any company violating the sanctions.

And it would bar the Federal Reserve from allowing any financial institution to become a primary dealer in bonds of U.S. origin if these aided energy projects in Iran. That would prob-

DISSIDENT: U.S. Condemns Beijing's Stiff Prison Sentence on Wei

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Beijing remarked: "Is 14 years what he deserves? Deep down in my heart . . . I

The verdict comes at a time when China's Communist Party leadership has reached a peak of hypersensitivity and defensiveness in foreign and domestic affairs. in part related to a struggle for preeminence among potential successors to Deng Xiaoping. China's 91-year-old paramount

Over the last 12 months, Beijing has

taken increasingly belligerent or intransigent positions on a range of issues from human rights and trade negotiations to religious freedom in Tibet and political developments in Hong Kong and Taiwan. And in the case of Taiwan. China has threatened more explicitly to go to war to

recover its estranged province than at any time in decades. The judgment against Mr. Wei sends a powerful warning to a nation in the midst of an economic revolution, that any public talk of political revolution, democratic re-

forms and democracy can be considered

To many in China, these constraints are not as burdensome as they seem to many foreigners. Free speech, even criticism of their subsequent dictatorship made clear senior leaders, is tolerated as long as it is that they have no intention of making good and are not interested in the politics of

confrontation that marked the democracy movements of the 1980s. Outside of intellectual circles, Mr. Wei

may be less a symbol and more a curiosity. but the Communist leadership fears that his attack on Communist rule and passion for democracy could take hold among the miltions of disaffected Chinese who are not riods. participating equally in the fruits of China's economic boom.

Thus, Mr. Wei is the largest and most obvious target for this new government.

His mordant style first drew public attention and outraged some party leaders when be scrawled it on a poster and hung it on a stretch of wall in western Beijing that came to be known as Democracy Wall. Mr. Deng was among the first to feel his barb in Deng was among the first to feel his barb in 1979, and Mr. Deng is believed to have of winter here, Mr. Wei made an appearance of winter here, Mr. Wei made an appearance of winter here. ordered Mr. Wei jailed and Democracy Wall torn down.

After serving 141/2 years of an initial 15-year sentence, Mr. Wei emerged in September 1993 with the same fearlessness

to take on Mr. Deng again.

The present leaders were the most ontspoken group of men, shouting their support of human rights and democracy before perts say. they ascended to power," he wrote in The New York Times in November 1993, "but private. Millions of Chinese crave stability on the promises they once made to the

With the dispatch of Mr. Wei back to a prison cell, where he has spent all but six months of the last 16 years, China's semanths of the last 16 years, China's semanths of the last 16 years. curity services have now jailed or placed under close control all of the prominent pro-democracy leaders who remain from the Democracy Wall or Tiananmen pe-

From the pro-democracy demonstrations at Tiananmen Square in 1989, such student leaders as Wang Dan, whom the Bush administration invested great effort to free, has been held without charge since May. So has the writer Liu Xiaobo. Wednesday in Beijing, many democracy

campaigners awoke on the day of Mr. Wei's trial to find themselves under house ance at the Beijing No. 1 Intermediate

People's Court and spoke on his own behalf during the six-hour trial.

Although Mr. Wei was represented by respected private attorney, Zhang Sizhi. and was allowed to present his defense, the verdict was preordained by the Communist

Under the ruling, Mr. Wei, 45, would not be able to publish another essay about democracy in China, criticize the Communist regime or speak to a foreign re-porter until the year 2012, assuming that he survives another long prisoo term.

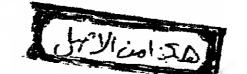


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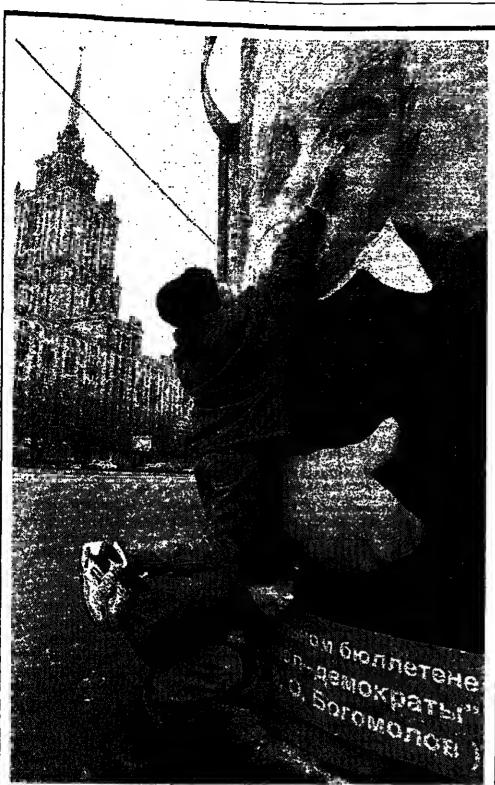
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Moscow youngsters "touching up" an election campaign poster Wednesday.

Opposition Puts On Pressure As Russia Prepares to Vote

In Chechnya, Moscow Enlists Troops

MOSCOW - Russia's parliamentary cam- to the Parliament. with Prime Minister Viktor S. Chemomyrdin declaring the economy is moving ahead, the opposition insisting the country is falling apart, and reformers bickering among them-selves in the face of an expected Communist Party comeback.

Meanwhile, the government appeared increasingly desperate to show that it could bring off an election in the breakaway republic of Chechnya, where it has waged an unsuccessful war against a separatist rebellion for more than a year. The rebel Chechen leader, Dzhokar Dudayev, has called on Chechens to boycott the elections called by the Moscow-backed Chechen regime.

Russian officials were quoted by Interfax on Wednesday as saying several thousand sol-diers in two "permanent brigades" were be-ing permitted to vote for local offices in Chechnya. The balloting in Chechnya began

The soldiers, shown on Russia's independent televisioo network distributing ballots, will help legitimize an election in which many residents have refused to take part. The tele-vision reports also said the soldiers were being given candy and extra sausage as the balloting began. Deputy Unit Commander A. Nechipuzenko said, "Thousands of votes from our unit won't predetermine the results of voting in the Chechen Republic."

Mr. Dudayev, in an interview with reporters from a mountain hideout in southern Chechen

from a mountain hideout in southern Chechnya, which is beyond Russian control, declared the war was just beginning. "We have nothing to lose," he said. "In such a stupid war, there can be no losers or winners." He added, "The war is entering a new phase. The

war is just beginning." In Moscow, the pre-election jockeying intensified. Mr. Chemomyrdin, head of the centrist "party of power," Our Home is Russia, called a rare news conference to deliver a long, glowing assessment of the economy, which he

said has obtained "forward movement." Mr. Chemomyrdin insisted the government would not change course, no matter who was elected

the heat on Mr. Chemomyrdin in hopes of capitalizing on popular discontent in balloting for the 450-member lower house of Parliament, or State Duma.

'Instead of the Russian state becoming stronger, it is falling apart," said the party of former General Alexander Lebed, a popular nationalist figure who is expected to run for president next year. Appearing before reporters in his military uniform, General Lebed said the prime minister's party was "a Krem-lin party of bureaucrats which has used its position and national wealth for its own in-

Fearful of what polls snggest will be a Communist Party surge, reformers and liberals bickered among themselves. Boris Fyodorov, leader of one small party, urged others to pull leader of the party of the party of the party of the state of the party. out, as did Yelena Bonner, widow of the dissident nuclear physicist and Nobel Peace lanreate Andrei D. Sakharov. Miss Bonner said the only chance for the liberal democrats was if they consolidated behind the parties led by Gregori Yavlinsky, an economist, and for-

mer Prime Minister Yegor Gaidar. A party must receive at least 5 percent of the vote to enter the Parliament, but polls suggest that many of the small democratic factions may fail to cross the threshold. The smaller democratic parties refused to heed Miss Bon-

ner's call, however.

Mr. Chemomyrdin sharply criticized the U.S. ambassador, Thomas R. Pickering, on Wednesday because the diplomat said recently that Russia should return to Japan the Kuril Islands, which it seized at the end of World War II. According to the State Department, Mr. Pickering was repeating long-standing U.S. policy.

U.S. policy.

Mr. Chernomyrdin said, "This is not a 'will sort things out," he said, adding: "As to the ambassador's escapade, it exceeds all limits. It gives rise to nothing but surprise.'

U.S. Strokes Paris for Its Help on Bosnia

By Joseph Fitchett International Herald Tribune

PARIS - The treaty to be signed in Paris on Thursday codifies peace for Bosnians, but in U.S. eyes it offers much more: an opportunity to transform co-operation with France and Russia on security in Europe.

This peace dividend, which hopefully will flow from military cooperation in the peacekeeping operation, explains why the Clinton administration has gone out of its way in recent weeks to help President Jacques Chirac bolster his restige as he takes France closer to NATO via the peace deal in Bosnia,

Cementing French involvement meant respecting Mr. Chirac's determination to let France share the spotlight by having the treaty-signing take place in Paris, despite the current social

Wednesday, included powerful but un- attend. credited help by Washington in obtaining the release of two French airmen by the Bosnian Serbs in time for the ceremony.

That removed any remaining obsta-

important to Mr. Chirac as a symbol that France has not taken a back seat to the United States after years of extensive French military efforts in Bosnia.

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About 80 officials from Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia will attend the ceremony. In addition to Mr. Chirac, leaders will be present from the other four governments involved in the five-nation mediation group: Britain, Germany, Russia and the United States.

Officials from Islamic countries that have backed the Muslim-led govern- political coordination, so the cootacts expensive U.S. role in European security.

"may oot be until Saturday or Sunday," an alliance source said. "But it will happen."

Once General Joulwan gets

enough combat troops in theater within 96 hours of so-called "G-Day" to request formally the transfer of power

The stroking effort, U.S. officials said ment in Bosnia, including Iran, will also

Washington's attempt to forge a wider reconciliation from the Bosnian settlement is aimed primarily at a triangle of countries: the United States and key countries at opposite ends of Europe: France, the often troublesome NA-TO ally, and Russia, still suspicious of the alliance's future role.

"If the operation in Bosnia goes well, it could have a hig impact on attitudes in the Russian military, in the French political class and in Congress," an aide to President Clinton said.

Other U.S. officials interpreted the hopes more broadly. They said that the end of a war that exposed hollow European rhetoric, and opened a rift with Washington, could help NATO adjust to the post-Cold War era.

The work on the ground requires close

first if necessary.

Russia that NATO can be accepted as the long-term matrix of European security.

That mix fits the Clinton administration's agenda, showing Congress that NATO can do an effective job in Bosnia, and foreshadowing a larger European effort inside the alliance. To get that extra European dimension, NATO has to look to French military muscle and political determination.

Paris has already responded to the U.S. overtures by agreeing to step up its role in NATO and tone down its old rhetoric calling for a stronger defense role inside the European Union - a tack that has always aroused fears in Washington that NATO would be shouldered aside.

Instead, France now says it wants to strengthen the European pillar inside NA-TO, a vision that French officials said fits with desires in Washington for a less

Baltic states, Malaysia, Pak-istan, Egypt and Ukraine will send about 10,000 troops in to-

Their one-year mission will be to enforce the peace deal that

is due to be signed in Paris on

Thursday and create the con-

NATO Wrangles Over Policy on War Criminals

ly be able to give a provisional are already in place, but Gen-final approval. Such approval eral Joulwan's aim is to have ment that allow them to shoot

manders. Most of the remainder

BRUSSELS - Last-minute wrangling over how NATO forces in Bosnia will deal with any indicted war criminals who fall into their hands is hindering the final details of the peace plan, alliance diplomats said

The NATO ambassadors were to have made a decision Wednesday on war criminals, an alliance diplomat said after the policy-making North Atlantic Council met, "but one country broke silence, so it had to be sent back for more

The problems are not confined to Brussels. The question is also holding up work in New York on the United Nations Security Council resolution that is needed to give the 60,000strong peace force the mandate to move into Bosnia.

A formal vote on the resolution in New York is scheduled for Thursday, but North Atlantic Treaty Organization diplomats said they had been warned it could be delayed until the weekend.

At issue are two key questions: concise wording giving troops of the Implementation Force the legal right to arrest any war criminals who have been indicted by the Hague War Crimes Tribunal, and clear instructions on what then to do

Most nations want both those issues to be settled in the new Security Council resolution. but NATO diplomats said some were holding out for more

The force "will not be a sheriff's posse," a diplomat said, "but if these people fall into our hands they will be detained and theo handed over as quickly as possible to the designated au-

"But," he added, "we oeed to know who these authorities

Nevertheless, NATO is working on the assumption that its problems will be ironed out by Friday, when the North At-lantic Council is to give ap-proval to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe, General George Joulwan, to start send-ing combat treess, into Bosnia ing combat troops into Bosnia.
Without the UN resolution in hand, however, NATO will on-

Britain Moves To Clamp Down On Lethal Knives

LONDON — The British government said Wednesday that it planned to increase the penalty for carrying dangerous knives after the headmaster of a London school was stabbed and killed by a gang of youths.

Home Secretary Michael

Howard said in an interview on BBC radio that the plan would give the police the power to arrest people who were found

carrying knives in public without good reason.

The maximum penalty for carrying a knife — except a penknife — would be increased to a six-month prison sentence. from a £1,000 (\$1,530) fine.

an existing law that imposes a

maximum two-year senteoce on anyone caught carrying a weapon in public without per-Officials of the government and the opposition Labor Party said they would back the plan.
which is contained in a bill being put forward by a Conservative member of Parliament.

The headmaster, Philip Lawrence, was stabbed to death last week as he tried to help a student who was being attacked by a gang outside his school's

Mr. Howard said Mr. Lawrence's murder, which shocked Britons, might be a catalyst in the fight against rising crime, but he acknowledged: "There is no way in which you can pass laws which guarantee that dreadful crimes will not

Peace Pact Hinged on Release of Pilots

Tronp contributions range

from 20,000 from the United States, to 13,000 from Britain

2.000 from Russia and just 22

should be in place within a from Luxembourg. Countries ditioos for a return to civilian mooth. The troops will be such as Poland, Slovakia, the commality after nearly four

the "go" signal, he will ask the

32 NATO and non-NATO na-

tions contributing troops to put

soldiers under his command.

PARIS - France narrowly avoided a diplomatic crisis that would have ensued if two missing pilots had not been released by Bosnian Serbs on the eve of a peace-agreement signing ceremooy in Paris, officials said Wednesday.

Chirac had vowed oot to sign the peace accords Thursday if the two pilots were oot freed. They were released Tuesday.

"When we got to the eve of the peace conference. President Chirac said there was no possibility of France's associating itself with the signing of an accord while two of its soldiers were held prisoner," Defense Minister Charles Millon said on French radio.

Captain Frédéric Chiffot and Lieutenant José Souvignet arrived in Paris Tuesday night. They were handed over to French military authorities in Zvornik, be "frozen" was made by the Russian

stronghold of Pale.

from the UN to NATO com- and 10,000 from France to

Some advance logistics units equipped with heavy armor and Czech Republic, Hungary, the years of internecine warfare.

Foreign Minister Hervé de Charette said, "We made no concessions wbatsoever.

aris, officials said Wednesday.

Officials close to the government said that the Serbs had asked for payments to compensate for the summer NATO bombing and support for the Serbs of Sarajevo, who are to come under the administration of the Muslim-led Bosnian government after the signing of the

peace treaty. They had also demanded French help in securing immunity for Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serbs' leader, and their military commander General Rakto Mladic, who have been indicted by the International Tribunal in The Hague.

A formal request that their indictment

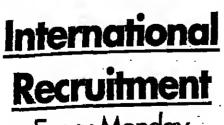
Bosnia-Herzegovina, 104 days after be-ing shot down over the Bosnian Serbian day. The request was rejected by the day. The request was rejected by the Tribunal's chief prosecutor, Richard J. Goldstone.

In recent days, General Mladic ap-parently came under intense pressure to release the pilots from the Serbian president, Slobodan Milosevic, and ultimately from the Serb-dominated Yugoslav Army, which pays the general's salary.

The French government and the Clinton administration had made Mr. Milosevic's ability to secure the pilots' release a critical test of his control over the Bosnian Serbs.

In recent months, the Serbian president has shown that he can, indeed, coerce them, negotiating a peace treaty on their behalf in which he gave away Sarajevo. But there were still some doubts over whether his authority was complete.





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Monetary Union Can Wait

The modern French welfare state was established 50 years ago by Charles de Gaulle and is understandably cherished by French citizens of all political persuasions. They enjoy an enviable array of social benefits far exceeding those available to the average American, including national health insurance, generous unemployment benefits, family allowances, early retirement and five weeks or more of annual vacation. Prime Minister Alain Juppé underestimated the power of that social contract when he announced some modest reforms in the financing of France's welfare benefits and the brivatization of public transportation services. He has been forced by huge strikes and demonstrations into an abrupt retreat, dropping the privatization plan and offering to renegotiate the changes in welfare charges and benefits.

Union leaders, heady with the success of their campaign, are pushing for total surrender, including Mr. Juppe's resignatioo. Yet while the strikes cootinue, a kind of bargaining in public has already begun. As this process unfolds, the government needs to accept that its target date for joining a European monetary union before the end of this decade - the artificial deadline that is driving its austerity plan — can and should be reconsidered. Union leaders, meanwhile, must remember that without addressing the deficits in welfare benefit funding, France's unemployment rate is likely to

remain at double-digit levels. France can choose to keep tax and benefit levels where they are, but only at a cost to the youngest and least employable workers and to the overall dynamism of the French economy.

Virtually every Western country now faces similar welfare financing crunches brought about by aging populations, the pressures of global competition and voters' universal distaste for taxes. But peculiarly French factors are mainly responsible for the dramatic form of this month's struggle in the streets of Paris and other cities.

Among these are a highly centralized government, which can lead to showdowns on a huge national scale, and an elitist culture among top politicians and administrators, which can produce selfdestructive arrogance. France also has a national tradition of near indifference to economic competition that has led people to believe that a comfortable and protected way of life can be maintained without regard to global pressures and trends.

France's other great distinguishing characteristic is its inclination to take major political questions into the streets, from the revolutionary days of 1789 to the studeot-worker revolt of 1968. The strikes of 1995 have not reached that level yet. But with everyone involved acutely aware of such precedents, Mr. Juppé's decision to retreat seems a prudeot one.

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Peres Pushes Ahead

His Israeli killer intended the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin to derail the prime minister's peace strategy. But his successor, Shimon Peres, is pushing ahead with it bravely and drawing on the assassin's deed to underline the national determination for peace. The already agreed schedule for ending the Israeli occupation of Palestinian towns in the West Bank is being honored — an irreversible and so far peaceful withdrawal. Prime Minister Peres was just in Washington affirming his decision to kick-start stalled negotiations with Syria.

The instant question in Israel has been whether the Rabin murder and the resulting bitter internal debate - part of which is mirrored in the United States would undercut public support for a serious Labor peace effort. It will take the elections of next October to render an authoritative answer. But meanwhile there are signs that the Peres government may retain a good measure of the extra backing it picked up in the wake of the Nov. 4 assassination. No stranger to the political vocation, the new prime minister is look-ing to shake his undeserved reputation as a softy and a dreamer. He is reaching out to some of the religious parties, to an accessible slice of the Likud opposition's following and especially to young people,

whose street presence has been a notable feature of the post-Rabin scene.

Mr. Peres sees his key initial opportunity as bridging the gap with Syria. He promised the U.S. Congress on Tuesday that Israel was ready to make "demanding decisions" if Syrian leader Hafez Assad also was. Jerusalem wants its version of full peace realized before Israeli withdrawal from Golan is either completed or perhaps even decided upon. Damascus wants full territorial return and holds back on meeting Israel's ambitious terms of full peace.

This is a classical negotiating hind. It invites a classical mediator's assistance in arranging timing, phases and guar-antees. President Bill Clinton has sent his secretary of state off to Damascus to keep the momentum alive.

Mr. Clinton has followed his predecessors in taking every opportunity to identify himself with the quest for peace in the Middle East. No other single foreign policy issue offers as much diplomatic and political advantage. Hence his pardonable exaggeration in suggesting that the Rabin killing creates a "fun-damental new reality." It underlines a fundamental old reality: the high, continuing obstacles to peace.

—THE WASHINGTON POST.

Hate in the Barracks

The U.S. Army is wont to say when troops commit a crime or are charged with one that there is a limit to what it can do or should be expected to do to prevent such things, that its ranks contain and reflect all the problems that exist in the society at large, that it is no more than a microcosm, etc. That is true, but only up to a point. A special and higher standard of conduct is required of the military in a democracy - a level of discipline and detachment not required of the population as a whole. That discipline within units that have access to arms and are taught how to use them is one of the things the chain of command must be beld most accountable for enforcing. A particularly heinous and frightening event last week in North Carolina raises the question: To what extent does such accountability exist?

The sickening details are familiar. A hlack couple was killed during an apparently random, race-related altercation in Fayeneville. Three soldiers stationed at Fort Bragg have been arrested and charged in the crime. As police and army officials have tried to piece together information on the accused, a disturbing picture of two of them has emerged. The third, who was driving the car and oot present when the victims were shot, is cooperating with the police and does oot

appear to have the same racist history. Drinking was involved, but alcohol isn't the point of this case. Both soldiers, James Burmeister and Malcolm Wright, seem to have harbored open racial hatred and to have been moving toward a violent expression of it for some time. Both were known brawlers, banned from some of the bars in Favetteville. Both were vocal advocates of white supremacy, and Private Burmeister in particular was said by

a member of his unit to be 'quite voluble about his racism and ont shy to use the Nword." A search of his off-base living quarters uncovered weapons, white supremacist literature and a Nazi flag. which the soldier had once hung over his bed in the barracks.

Surely the army's responsibility in a case such as this goes beyond cooper-ating with civilian authorities after a double murder has been committed. Soldiers are citizens, and they have First Amendment rights to hold and express political and other views that may make others feel uncomfortable. But the army has oo ohligation to keep in service people whose virulent views are a threat to the very values that it is the army's own mission to protect. Its obligation to both the broader society and itself is to rid itself of such people — those whose twisted views make good order and military discipline impossible, destroy the morale of the unit and bring dishonor on the army itself.

This is the second time in recent months that there has been a mixing of the military with right-wing political views and civilian violence. The first was in connection with the federal office building bombing in Oklahoma City. It's bad stuff. Army Secretary Togo West announced on Tuesday that there will be an investigation of the extent to which members of the service are involved in white supremacist and other hate groups. Active participation in such groups is barred by regulation, although mere membership is oot. He said troops know through their training that there is "no roum for racial intolerance of any kind" in the service. What happened, then, when the Nazi flag went on display in those barracks at Fort Bragg?

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A Unified Europe Doesn't Need a Single Currency

PARIS — The conventional wisdom says that France's strikes are a doomed rebellion against the iron imperatives of the international marketplace, and a dangerous revolt against "Europe" as well — against the single currency and the budget constraints necessary to bring the French economy into that single currency.

The Freoch prime minister. Alain Juppé, has said that if the strikers prevail, we will have moved over to the path of decline, slow but certain." Comment elsewhere in Europe is even more apo-calyptic. "The eyes of all Europeans conscious of the gravity of the game are fixed on Paris," the German daily Die Welt writes. "War and peace in the next mil-lennium is at stake ... There can be no monetary union without France, nor any larger political union, since the first is indispensable to the second."

Why is this so? The only possible answer is that Germans and Freoch, and other West Europeans, have said in the Maastricht treaty that this is so. No more political integration without monetary union. It is a self-fulfilling mandate. Monetary union has arbitrarily, and

most unwisely, been declared essential to further European unification, and this continues to be asserted even though monBy William Pfaff

etary union's impracticality and improbability are by now widely recognized. Not even Germany wants monetary union.

The German public is hostile to submerging the Deutsche mark into a common currency. Seventy percent of the public currently is hostile to monetary union. The more reasonable and useful alternative, a common European currency to function in addition to existing currencies - a strengthened version of the existing Ecu - has been ruled out.

The program of the French government for achieving membership in a single European currency is largely responsible for the current unrest in the country, even though a number of specifically French issues dominate the debate. The strikers are defending certain unrealistic and unfair privileges of state employees. They are resisting reforms in the national health system which serious people in France know are oecessary.

The strikers, however, are said to be rejecting "Europe." This is true only in that their demands imply rejection of the monetarist constraints necessary to align the franc with the mark in a single cur-rency. In this their position is justified.

The argument against imposing further recessionary pressures on an already de-

pressed French economy is valid. Why should an economy with virtually zero inflation, but high unemployment, in-flict upon itself still higher obstacles to investment, expansion and job creation? Such a policy makes sense solely in terms of meeting arbitrary criteria that have been set for membership in a common currency,

in which few now really believe. France's political leadership bears the principal responsibility for these strikes. Because former Prime Minister Edouard Balladur had al ways handled social questions with great circumspection, and re-peatedly warned the public of economic difficulties, Jacques Chirac filled his presidential campaign last spring with demagogic promises of painless prosperity. The public now has reacted to the hypocrisy of those promises.

Since the strikes began, Mr. Juppé has acted with peculiar ineptness and arrogance, so the strikes now seem likely to continue. Last weekend he began to back down from what he had said were unoegoriable positions. Monday's continued talks with the unions brought further government concessions, but these probably came too late, and introduced a potentially disastrous widening of the debate.

The unions have been asking for a 'social summit" - across-the-board negotiations - and seem likely now to get it. They will introduce new claims on wages and working hours which can only complicate and prolong talks, and prob-

ably prolong the strikes themselves. President Chirac has let Mr. Juppé face the crisis and take the abuse. One of the characteristics of the Fifth Republic is this fire wall between a dispensable prime minister and a president who has been elected for seven years. It is difficult to believe that

Mr. Juppé will not be dropped. The man most often spoken of as his successor is the president of the National Assembly, Philippe Séguin, who is a notable critic both of the conventional economic wisdom and of the current conception of Europe's further unification.

The French public, meanwhile, despite the inconvenience of the strikes and the damage to their businesses, continues to express considerable sympathy for the strikers, out of a sense that whatever their specific demands, the strikers are resisting the juggernaut of American-style globalization and defending Europe's legitimate model of social capitalism. This deserves comment in a subsequent column.

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Too Bad, Monetarists, Maastricht Criteria Are Out of Season

By Guido Brunner

MADRID — Politicians and civil servants have done their homework. Everything is set for a common European currency. To reach this aim is a must. Otherwise the old Conof tensions, a better life. tinent will suffer sudden but foreseeable conflicts of the kind it has endured before.

In times of unexpected technological changes and social trepidation, we either succeed in organizing new forms of transnational power sharing or we become victims of uncontrolled national collisions. The traditional balance of power, the play of shifting alliances, is dead and buried in two world wars.

The problem facing politicians nowadays is: How do we tell the voters that in Europe national sovereignty is hollow? In Maastricht they opted for a piecemeal approach. Since they cannot overcome ingrained creeds and habits on a broad range, they choose one specific subject to try their luck. To give impens to a common European defense or foreign policy proved almost im-possible. So it is the turn of mon-

ey. As a starting point, this is not a bad choice. Good money stands for solidity, convergence toward opportunity of wealth, lessening

The ways and means are well chosen, too. Take one step at a time, decide first about the centrai core of participants, set up the conditions they must meet, make them forgo their national powers and provide help to the weaker ones who cannot join from the outset. Set up a system of no return, a stability pact that makes it impossible to backtrack. At the end, and only then, change national currencies into a common one, administered durifully by an independent European authority. It would be a momentous success for both the European Union and

the creed of monetarism. But Maastricht can work only if three conditions are met. The targets set for this European compact must be attainable within the time limits of an agreed calendar. A series of accompanying fiscal measures have to be

taken. And the trend of the busioess cycle must be positive and support the whole scheme. None of those three conditions

is likely to occur. By 1997, regardless of their efforts, practically no country in Europe will meet all the Maastricht criteria for budgetary deficits and national indebtedness. Not even France, torn by open and latent social conflicts, or Germany, burdened by an overvalued national currency, expanding social programs and new headaches arising from its unification problem. The only target likely to be met is a low inflation rate, and this for the wrong reason — national consumption will be stagnant.

As regards the supporting fiscal measures, has any political mastermind dared to tell the public that without a wide fiscal amnesty, in due time, the Maastricht scenario cannot succeed? Money is a matter of confidence. Already tens of billions of marks are moving out of Germany be-

spired by a future common European currency and the movement will become a stampede." Or consider countries like

Italy and Spain where the submerged economy accounts for something like a quarter of the gross domestic product. Who among the tens of thousands of entrepreneurs producing and exporting in this sector will in 2002 try to exchange his 'black' money at the bank if be finds a tax collector sitting beside the bank clerk? None of the governments concerned would commit the folly of destroying such a large segment of the national economy for the sake of European convergence.

These two are technical problems, and thus manageable, either by reducing the targets, by slow-ing down the process or by collateral measures. Unfortunately, there is one more obstacle. We cannot overcome it, as little as we can control the weather.

Europe is falling into a recession, perhaps the United

cause their owners feel overtaxed. States and Asia, too. In Ger-Add to this the uncertainty in- many, m the last two months. one-third of the expected growth of 3 percent for 1995 has been eroded. Unemployment was already high all over Europe. Add weakness of the business cycle, and unemployment will soar.

- Meanwhile, the number of the

elderly keeps rising. There will be a big outcry among monetarists, but if there is a recession in 1996 and 1997 there will be no common currency in Europe in 2002. Whatever they now declare in Madrid, all the governments of the European Union will have to resort to some added public spending incompatible with the Maastricht criteria. Keynes, the ontcast wiz-ard, will smile in his grave.

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State Notice

"Chillier days are coming," wrote the late German poetess Ingeborg Bachmann. Yes, and Maastricht is for sommer.

The writer, a former European commissioner and German ambassador to Spain, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

A Revenge Outcome Sunday Would Frighten Yeltsin's Kremlin

rising platform of power condemned many a Frenchman, ob-

served Talleyrand.

In Russia today, treasoo could soon be a matter of election results. Boris Yeltsin and his immediate entourage could find themselves impeached, in jail or ailing Russian president will deworse if Russia's voters decide to punish them for the pain of the ongoing revolution by voting for their most extreme opponents.

Russia's 104 million registered voters go to the polls on Sunday to elect a 450-member Duma amid widespread predictions of disas-

ups and downs of any market

when the most sophisticated in-

vestors get that gut feeling that a

company or a country that has

been flat oo its back is about to

rise up and resume growth

again. It is at that moment that

the wise investor loads up on

that company's stock or that

country's bonds and then sits

back and waits for the rest of the

world to catch up with his per-

ceptions and drive up the value

Well, for about six months

now wise global investors have

been waiting to load up on Mex-

ican stocks and bonds in order to

be just ahead of the pack. Un-

fortunately for Mexico, most of

those investors are still waiting.

They are watching Mexico

closely. They are intrigued by

the improvements in its econ-

omy since the peso crashed a

year ago, but still they are sitting

The main reason can be

summed up in one word: con-

fidence. Central bankers have a

saying that "confidence is al-

ways rented, never owned."

Mexico rented a lot of confidence

in the early 1990s and lost it all

last year, and is now discovering

that global investors, desperately

needed because Mexico does not

have enough domestic savings to

many other good choices where

So even though Mexico is do-

Mexico's biggest problem is

how hard it is to win back.

to but their money.

of his investment.

on their wallets.

fully to see if they can still stand cheek by jowl with Mr. Yeltsin, or if they should switch policies.

But for Yeltsin & Co. the human drama of physical survival, not policy or ideology, is paramount in this voting. Out of the returns the cide whether to run again - or perhaps whether he should risk letting next June's presidential election be held at all.

I was surprised to find general agreement on two points in a small group of experts on Moscow pol-itics assembled in Washington the

Waiting for Mexico to Look Good

MEXICO CITY — There is By Thomas L. Friedman 1994 with an \$18 billion deficit, now has a \$7 hillion surplus.

money supply and putting up with painful unemployment —

global investors, who can choose

anyplace from Brazil to Indone-

sia, want to see more stable

growth before they are convinced

that Mexico is on an irreversible

competitive global market,

when a country loses the con-

fidence of investors it doesn't

just lose a little; the whole glob-

al-investment herd goes the oth-

er way. Getting it back requires such a high level of economic

performance, for a sustained pe-

nied of time, that the Mexican

working classes might not be

Christmas tradition here to stage

street plays called "Pastorelas."

and one of the most popular ones

has a man playing former Pres-

ident Carlos Salinas, dressed in

Sometimes Mr. Salinas is al-

"DJ" emblazoned on his chest

- for Dow Jones, Mr. Salinas,

Dow Jones and the global stock

markets, once seen as the sal-

vation of Mexico's middle

class, are now rolled into one

But give Mexico's current

president, Ernesto Zedillo, cred-

it. He is rebuilding the economy,

is down from a monthly rate of

70 percent to 35 percent. Thanks

to a cheap peso, exports are up

33 percent over 1994, and Mcx-

and depicted as the Devil.

finance job growth, have too and it shows. Inflation this year

ing all the right things—slashing 33 percent over 1994, and Mexits deficit, tightly controlling its ico's trude balance, which ended

depicted with the letters

tights, with horns and a tail.

They certainly feel it. It is a

able to stand the pain.

Lesson: In today's brutally

course to recovery.

Two: If be does not run, it will probably be because he will cancel that election and try to hold on to power as long as he can.

Mr. Yeltsin and his spokesmen have denied that his health problems are serious, but one close collaborator thinks otherwise. A senior figure in the Russian cabinet has told a European colleague that Mr. Yeltsin urgently needs bypass surgery and will be unable to campaign for the June ballot.

Bin the election may be a more direct health hazard for Mr. Yeltsin in another sense. Among

now has a \$7 hillion surplus.

What is gnawing away at the

confidence of foreign investors?

One factor is certainly the daily

revelations about secret bank ac-

counts, murders and mistresses

linked to the Salinas family. This

unseemly soap opera has out-

siders wondering just what else is going on behind the scenes.

panies which don't export and

must rely on the weak domestic

market are hurting badly. That is

why about a million Mexicans

have lost their jobs this year, and

average wages are down 25 per-

cent. The newspaper La Jornada

ran an ad last week from a funeral home offering a sale on

funerals. For 2,830 pesos you get

ficial papers, and, the ad says,

too many bad loans out to com-

panies and families that got

caught in the devaluation

squeeze. So banks are reluctant

to lend new money, companies

can't grow, there are fewer jobs,

people buy less, companies can't

grow, there are fewer jobs, and so

on. The government has been

carefully shoring up the banks,

There are no quick fixes here.

President Bill Clinton made a

tough, farsighted decision last

year when he committed the

United States to a \$20 billion

package to rescue Mexico's

economy. It still has a good

chance to succeed. But it is too

The New York Times

but it is a slow process.

soon to be sure.

cards accepted.

the coffin for free - all credit

Finally. Mexican banks have

hearse, burial, a wake, all of-

Another factor is that com-

coup attempt against him. Alexander Rutskoi and others amnestied by the Duma against Mr. Yeltsin's treason charges have made no secret in this campaign of their desire to do unto him as be wanted to do unto them.

Sunday's vote also serves as a presidential primary. Yeltsin focs can pursue their 'revenge agenda" by humiliating him and his prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin (whom U.S. officials privately favor as Mr. Yeltsin's successor) and damaging the incumbents' chances for next June.

Among the 10,000 candidates running for the Duma are populist army generals, free enterprise economists, loony nationalists, airbrushed Communists and others who fielded parties to test the waters for eventual presidential candidacies as well as to gain a piece of control of the Parliament. Polls cited by the experts, as-

sembled by Harvard University's Strengthening Democratic Institutions project, suggest that the Communist Party will be the largest single party in the new Duma, with 20 percent of the seats. That would put them in a position to form a coalition of anti-Yeltsin parties. Mr. Chernomyrdin's Our Home Party is expected to poli only 10 to 15 percent of the vote.

A third surprise of the Harvard

WASHINGTON — In revolutions, treason is often a matter of dates. Standing pat on the burning deck of a sinking regime instead of jumping to a capitals will read the returns care—

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the leaders of the 43 parties competing for Duma seats are several of the politicians Mr. Yeltsin is likely to run in June despite his jailed and sought to try for treason is often a smaller of the politicians Mr. Yeltsin is jailed and sought to try for treason it interest to the free market and privation regime instead of jumping to a capitals will read the returns care—

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To the leaders of the 43 parties competing for Duma seats are several of the politicians Mr. Yeltsin is jailed and sought to try for treason it in the leaders of the 43 parties competing for Duma seats are se put them in a position to do so. "They will try to re-carve the

private property to favor them-selves and their friends, rather than turn it back to the state." said John Lloyd, a Moscow-based British journalist writing a book on the Yeltsin years. "Now the clans favored by Yeltsin fight like ferrets in a bag for the spoils. The Communists and others who have been out will now fight for their share. That is the essence of the political struggle ahead.

Sergei Grigorev, who was a spokesman for Mikhail Gorbachev and is now a fellow at Harvard, attributes an even more diabolical strategy to the Communists: They will not rock the boat at all. They will try to use their strengtheacd position in the Duma and the legitimacy it brings as a steppingstone to the presidency. Then they

will talk about revenge. The advice of the director of the Harvard project, Graham Allison, is not to panic over Sunday's results. The United States should avoid overreacting to Communist gains and giving Mr. Yeltsia's foes a "lightning rod" for Russian frustrations and complaints. The White House should have no trouble heeding that advice. But the Kremlin may find it dif-

ficult to avoid panic attacks on Sunday night. The Washington Post.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Russian Victory

ST. PETERSBURG - The newspapers consider that the firman granting the entry of the second desparch boats is a victory for Russian diplomacy over British diplo macy. They regard it as the result of Russia's attitude towards the Sultan, which is at once from and friendly. Russia is fully disposed to support Abdul Hamid in the faithful accomplishment of his promises of reform, instead of thwarting the Turkish Government, as certain Powers do, by causing it contimual embarrassment.

1920: Wilson Adopts 20

WASHINGTON - President Wilson, answering the appeal of the European Relief Council, today [Dec. 13] sent a cheque for \$200, writing: "Ten dollars con-tributed to the European Relief-Council will save the life of one child. I will adopt twenty of these

wards, and I can think of no better use to which I could put \$200." President-Elect Harding recently contributed \$2,500 on his birthday to be used for relief work among the children of Europe.

1945: Levant Accord LONDON - Britain and France

concluded an agreement to settle

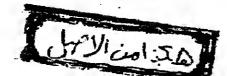
their differences in Syria and the Lebanon, British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin announced today [Dec. 13]. Anglo-French military experts will meet in Beirut on Dec. 21 to discuss plans for early withdrawal of both British and French troops from the Levant states. The dispute became acute last summer, when France's promise of independence to the countries came up short. By sending 350 troops into Syria on the eve of independence negotiations. France provoked a sharp exchange of views between General Charles de Gaulle and former Prime Minchildren as my own temporary ister Winston Churchill.

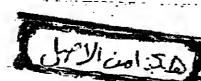
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OPINION/LETTERS

Trying to Separate Right from Faith

WASHINGTON — "Oh, God, in this America where politicians attempt to overrule the prophets, and pun-never saying a prayer, always

prayer was offered at the opening of a Christian Coalition tion leaves out almost all the strategies and goals of those in meeting. Or perhaps you'd interesting issues — and, alpower — and our own goals, too guess it comes from one of those most certainly, a large majority — need to be examined skepcollections on the virtues that of those Americans who con-Bill Bennett has been putting sider themselves religious. As a a new book of "prayers and meditations on loving and working for children." The book is faith drew them to abolitionism, called 'Guide My Feet,' and its to movements for social reform man, is president of the Chil- civil rights. It consigns the to bend to political fashion.

That particular prayer is one of the more explicitly political in the volume. Many of them could be recited by Christians and Jews of very different political orientations. They are often prayers about personal responsibility, to use a good phrase that is now sadly hackneyed from overuse as a political slogan. A lot of them are the sorts of

prayers people say all the time.

There should be nothing in the least surprising that Marian Wright Edelman, a preacher's daughter who reveres the faith of her parents, should write such a book. Yet it does not fit at all with the currently popular understandings of who relitious people are and how they apply what they learn from their on the standard conservative faith to politics. Because the agenda. In particular, trying to Christian Coalition has come to reduce the burdens on families faith to politics. Because the dominate so much of the dis- of modest means - including cussion of religion and politics, tax burdens — might be seen as the standard arguments on the subject are preparatured.

On modest means — including society without boundaries, tax burdens — might be seen as without respect, she writes in rooted in a certain set of values. her introduction. "Never have subject are preprogrammed shrieks, high on moralism and low on seriousness.

Right, mixing faith and politics hard to understand where the with so few mediating influinevitably means the violation Gospel provides a mandate for ences from responsible adults." of church-state separation and capital gains tax cuts or accel-the imposition of "narrow" erated depreciation. moral norms on everyone else through the force of law. For 1990s can be seen as making the many of the religious conser-vatives, being liberal means Christian Left made in the 1970s

By E. J. Dionne Jr.

dits arrogantly disparage the opposing the interests and val-Gospel, help me to speak ues of religious people and upstraight and strong."

holding the "immoral" norms
You could think that this of a deadly "counterculture." holding the ''immoral'' norms This way of casting the ques-

equation of "religious" and sume that Catholics, Jews and mainline Protestants don't exist. It assumes that Christians who are "evangelical" or "fundamentalist" are automatic supporters of every plank of every Republican platform.

The Christian Coalition is view that this era's particular definition of conservative politics is a kind of infallible expression of what all right-thinkweekend, it launched a new project to organize conservative Catholics as part of Pat

Robertson's legions. with Christian citizens support-ing tax cuts, deregulation, legal reform and assorted other items But there is something strange

The Christian Right of the

and 1980s by embracing Marx-ism too closely. When religious faith is overly ideologized, religious people give up the very things that religious conviction ought to bring to politics: a sense of critical distance, an un-derstanding of human imperfec-

tically against higher standards.
Turning faith into ideology together. But, no, it comes from historical matter, the simple also assumes, wrongly, that people of faith can logically come to only one set of conclusions about public matters. author, Marian Wright Edel at the turn of this century and to can agree on rejecting certain dren's Defense Fund. She is African-American church to an that are indifferent to the poor things - for example, policies widely (and correctly) seen as one of those liberals least likely religious life. It seems to pre-

beginning of the debate.
That debate is opening up again as religious people who disagree with the Christian Right find their voices not only as citizens but as people of faith. The recent declarations of the Catholic bishops on the poor and doing all it can to promote the the witness of a group of Christians who got arrested last week demonstrating against the welfare bill are visible examples of this challenge. Ms. Edelman's ing Christians believe. Last book underscores the fact that this challenge is being launched by people whose faith is deep and who could not be more in tune with the moral concerns of Now there's nothing wrong so many of the Christian Right's

rank and file. "I worry with every fiber of my being about our many children who, lacking a sense of the sacred or internal moral moorings, are trying to grow up in a we exposed children so early and rieks, high on moralism and about sanctifying an entire ide-w on seriousness.

about sanctifying an entire ide-ological agenda in explicitly re-ligious or Christian terms. It is sessions, alcohol and tobacco,

> Maybe certain ideas really can pass from the realm of ideology back into the sphere of common sense. Or is that too

much to pray for?

India Sports Brand Names and Brand-New Cars

DUBAI — In New Delhi's tradi-tionally chaotic traffic, with motorized rickshaws competing with cya returning native. Never before have so many sleek cars raced the roads. uneven as their surface remains.

The South Korean Cielo is already preening itself on the Delhi roads, and huge billboards announce that the rich

MEANWHILE

can now order Mercedes and that other models are on the way: Fiat's Uoo, the Peugeot 304 and perhaps BMWs. The Indian capital has always had its

share of luxury cars, but they belonged to the ranks of diplomats, set apart from the local car-owning fraternity. Now the locals are on the gravy train as famous car names jostle one another

for a toehold in a middle-class market of more than 200 million. The Maruti 800 was the first modern car to pierce the protected Indian market, thanks to the favors shown Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's soo Sanjay. The market had until then boasted Indian copies of ourmoded foreign models, although there were always some rich who thought nothing of buying imported luxury cars on the black market at outrageous prices.

The car revolution is, of course, the fruit of Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao's four-year-old liberalization policies. And for the wellheeled middle class, it is a moment to savor. Maruti introduced the 1,000 cc model after it had already captured the lion's share of the market's lower end, and now a jazzed-up model called Esteem is seeking to position itself against the imminent, formidable for-

By S. Nihal Singh

clists, buses, vans, Maruti-Suzuki cars usually after a long wait — it is now and stray cows, a new presence dazzles mind-boggling to have this range of goodies to choose from.

And not just automotive goodies. A Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet in New Delhi is packed with customers who wash down their chicken with Coca-Cola or Pepsi and who munch potato chips made by a Pepsi subsidiary.

The temporary closure of the outlet. on the strength of two flies discovered in its kitchen, was widely seen as a political ploy by the capital's Hindu nationalist Bharariya Janata Party government and was so blatant as to invite derision. (The closure was overturned by a court.) But as with everything in this pre-election season — general elections are expected to take place in April — KFC became a point of po-litical discussion.

The BJP, the first major party to plead for economic liberalization, is seeking to distance itself from Mr. Rao's ruling Congress (I) Party by suggesting it opposes the arrival of multinationals in the consumer industries. It has blended this theme with nationalist political rhetoric: Give us high-tech

technology, oot potato chips, it says.

But the privileged middle class is oot moved. In addition to cars and potato chips, brand names and designer labels have finally arrived in India. In the incongruous Delhi skyline, with posh shops rubbing shoulders with run-down show windows, Lacoste and Benettoo proclaim their victory.

Fashionable New Delhi has moved away from the old center, Connaught Place, with areas such as South Extension or Khan Market vying with each other to open newer and more opulent eign competition.

For the majority, who prided themselves on acquiring a Maruti 800—

shops. A new outlet features Italian inactivity. But all acknowledge his political acumen. From a transitional figure, drafted as the assassinated Rajiv

designer prices.

There is no dearth of shoppers, despite the astronomical prices. Indeed, in few capitals in the world can you see so much money change bands across counters. The rich do not seem to be the tiny minority they are, and they seem determined to dip into their pockets for whatever takes their fancy, whatever

the price tag. When the rich are not spending vast amounts of money shopping, they in-dulge in property deals — an investment option preferred over interestbearing bank accounts, particularly when disposing of unaccounted-for cash. The result is a meteoric rise in property values, which has all but driven away the less affluent middle class to distant suburbs. The property prices, which often leave Manhattan rates in the dust, bear oo relation to India's gross

domestic product or an average salary.

The approaching elections are never far from people's thoughts, push them away as they might to savor the delights of the new consumerism. Mr. Rao has carved out his constituency among the middle class and industrialists by giving them choices and

opportunioes they never had before.
But elections in India are not woo by the middle class or the rich, a thought that is clouding the vision of Mr. Rao and other Congress Party leaders. But happily for the party, the disparate oppositioo parties are showing their weaknesses, with even the BJP - long famed for its stern discipline demonstrating a singular lack of it in the states it rules.

The cognosceoti describe Mr. Rao as everything from the Indian Machiavelli to a man who has made an art out of

tiality toward Indian dress - the de- Gandhi's successor four years ago, he signer labels are native but carry has worsted his adversaries in the Congress Party by marginalizing them. He has also taken on the last holdout, the power group seeking succor from Rajiv's widow, the Italian-born Sonia Gandhi, by wooing key elements with ministerial portfolios.

The argument in the hothouse environment of Delhi's political corridors boils down to the central question: Which will emerge as the largest single party? (It is almost universally taken for granted that no party will obtain an absolute majority.)

It is a two-horse race at the federal level, with the Congress Party and the BJP vying for honors. On the fringes. other parties of the center, left or castebased cooglomerates are seeking electoral alliances. Muslims, an important minority constituting 12 percent of a population of some 900 million, remain undecided, although they have oot forgiven the Rao government for failing to prevent the demolioon of the Babri mosque in Uttar Pradesh at the hands of Hindu zealots.

The middle class, though, is soll basking in the consumer revolution, with even the media having caught the fever. As televisioo channels burgeon, Indian journalists are leaving the print media in droves to snap up television jobs with handsome safaries.

The print media remain a last basoon opposed to direct foreign entry, which is fought tooth and oail by prominent, and vested, Indian interests and by journalists and hureaucrats who wrap themselves in the garb of Nehru's Fabian socialism — a bedraggled flag of nationalism.

But the middle class is happy. It has oever had it so good.

The writer, editor of the Khaleej Times in Dubai, contributed this comment to the Herald Tribune.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Balkan Message

Once again the United States has to save the terminally bourgeois Western European democracies from the consequences of their own fecklessness, gutlessness and bigotry.

This time it is anti-Muslim bigotry rather than anti- larus and Ukraine are opposed Temitism, but the result — to it, too. Having only recently holocaust — has a banal same- adopted a nonnuclear-weapon ness about it.

I just wish that, instead of sending young American soldiers to step on mines in the Balkans, President Bill Clinton bad showed some leadership. had showed some leadership three years ago by having Sec-enlargement of the Atlantic althree years ago by having Sec-retary of State Warren Christo-pher call upon President Slo-bodan Milosevic of Serbia (after first visiting Margaret Thatcher to borrow some of her backbone).

Mr. Christopher could have given Mr. Milosevic a video and slide presentation showing START-1 treaty and provoke Baghdad after Desert Storm new international tensions. The and told him: "You have two weeks, Slobodan.'

TERENCE J. DALY. Incline Village, Nevada.

Business in Burma

Joe Pang ("Activism That Hurts People in Need," Opin-ion, Dec. 12) justifies his company's business in Burma because it provides employ-ment to 3,300 workers. Moreover, he adds, the 'rickle-down economic effect has been significant.'

Of course Burmese workers flocked to his jobs that pay a pittance. It is beyond heroic for a slave to starve himself when crumh is offered. And it is beyond belief that Mr. Pang claims noble purpose when he preys on people desperate enough to work for next

Businessmen like Joe Pang simply hire the slaves that the military regime in Burma conveniently provides. His interest is in keeping wages low, so he cooperates with the regime.

Abraham Lincoln no doubt

heard plantation owners in the Confederacy brag about how much they did for their black slaves, and how they would worry about the slaves' fate if they wound up with no white boss to feed them. President Lincoln didn't buy such arguments then and the world shouldn't buy them now. GARY GENTRY.

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NATO Expansion

Russia is not the only country opposed to the planned eastward expansion of NATO. Bestatus, they may refuse to tolliance does not exclude such a

Both countries may respond by stopping the transfer to Russia of the strategic nuclear weapons stationed on their territories. That would jeopardize the implementation of the legitimate security concerns of the Central and East European states ought to be met without endangering the present struc-ture of confidence-building and

arms-control measures. JOZEF GOLDBLAT Geneva.

Government's Job

Regarding 'Beyond the Regarding 'When a Liberal Balkans: NATO Confronts Doesn't Know Which Label Refer Long-Torm Challenges; ally Fits by James K. Glass-(Dec. 7):

From the article's title. I expected a lament along the lines of: "They've stolen my Bentley and trashed it."

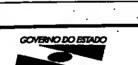
No such thing. James Glassman and people like him blame "government" for our inability as a species to do the right thing without any official nudging.

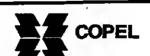
Without the government to force us - and through us, our elected representatives — to protect the things and people that can't and don't vote, such

entities have little hope. I speak of the poor, the en-vironment, species other than our own, our educational system, the infrastructure, our chil-dren and their future, our deteriorating cities and those who

Mr. Glassman against contrary evidence, that without law and regulation we would do what is right. Would that it were so.

JOYCE SCHEFFEY. Monterey, Massachusetts.





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HEALTH/SCIENCE

Progress on Cervix Cancer Virus

By Susan Okie Washington Post Service

ASHINGTON — Cancer of the cervix, a major cause of death in women in many developing countries, is thought to be caused by sexually transmitted viruses in the family called papillomaviruses. Related viruses produce warts in humans and

Now, a team of researchers from Georgetown University Medical Center and Med-Immune Inc. of Gaithersburg, Maryland, has developed a vaccine that protects dogs from infection with a canine papillomavirus. They believe a similar vaccine may one day be able to prevent the human

The canine papillomavirus, which caus-

ologists used genetic engineering techniques to insert the gene for L1 into cultured insect cells. The cells manufactured large quantities of L1 protein, which assembled itself into empty viral coats containing no genes.

The team, led by MedImmune's JoAnn A. Suzich and Shin-je Ghim of MedImnune and Georgetown, made a vaccine from the protein coats and used it to immunize beagles. Dogs that received the vaccine made antibodies against the structure the researchers reported in journal Progiven doses of live virus, they were proviral infections that lead to cervical cancer. either a dummy vaccine or one made from smears costs an estimated \$1 billion anan unrelated virus developed warts when mually.

es warts in dogs' mouths, has two structural given doses of canine papillomavirus. proteins called L1 and L2. Molecular bitreated another group of dogs with serum obtained from the beagles that had received the L1 vaccine. When that group was then challenged with a dose of the live virus, antibodies in the serum from the vaccinated dogs protected them from infectioo.

A similar vaccine that prevented infection with the human papillomavirus types associated with cervical cancer might reduce the frequency of genital warts and tural protein, and when they were later ceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. In the United States, cervical cancer tected from infection and did not develop kills more than 4,000 women each year. mouth warts. In contrast, dogs that received and screening for the disease with Pap

Distant Comet May Be a Sparkler

New York Times Service EW YORK - About once every 20 years, one of the many comets that wander into the inner solar system puts on a show

visible to the naked eye. Astronomers have been notoriously unsuccessful in predicting which comets will shine and which will fizzle, but despite their poor track record, they say there is a fair chance that a huge comet now headed this way will kindle some rare celestial fireworks.

Ever since an object formally named Cornet C/1995 Ol (Hale-Bopp) was discovered last July, observatories around the world have been watching it closely because it is astonishingly bright. Far beyond the orbit of Jupiter, it is nevertheless much brighter than oormal for a comet so distant

Comet Hale-Bopp, as it is commonly known, will not reach its closest approach to the sun until the spring of 1997, and astronomers are reluctant to predict bow it will behave, because comets often flucmate wildly in brightness.

But last week analysts at the Applied made a startling announcement. Using imdiameter, four times greater than that of Halley's Comet, the most famous of all.

Nucleus size in itself is oot necessarily a good indicator of the brightness of a comet, but other things being equal, a big comet is likely to be a bright one.

Most of a comet's brightness results from sunlight reflected by its gaseous, dusty coma and tail. Comets generally "outgas" — sublimate gas from the solids trapped in their ouclei — to produce large comas and tails only when proximity to the

sun warms them up.
"The nuclei of comets are typically coated by layers of rubble that block the escape of gas and dust," said Dr. Harold A. Weaver of Applied Research. "When boles open in the coating, gas and dust burp out until the holes close up. Since last July, we've seen Hale-Bopp burp roughly once a month. These burps produce jets of matter revealed by pinwheel images made by the Hubble telescope. These tell us about the Research Corp. in Landover, Maryland, complex rotation of the comet, even though we cannot yet directly see its nucleus."

ages and measurements they had made with the Hubble Space Telescope, they estimated that Comet Hale-Bopp may have a oucleus as large as 25 miles (40 kilometers) in diameter, four times greater than that of detected carbon monoxide in Hale-Bopp's sporadic emissions.

Last week Dr. Alan Pitzsimmons of Queens University in Belfast reported that he and a student had discovered another poisonous gas, cyanogen, gushing from the comet during one of its burps. Dr. Fitzsimmons made the spectral observations that revealed cyanogen using the William Herschel Telescope in the Canary Islands, which, with a 4.2-meter-diameter light-collecting mirror, is one of the largest telescopes. Both cyanogen and carbon monoxide are common ingredients of comets, but to find them ponting out of a comet still so distant from the sun was surprising.

"We found that the comet was giving off three kilograms of cyanogen every second — five times more cyanogen than Halley's Comet did during its last approach in 1986, when it was much closer to the sun than Hale-Bopp now is," Dr. Fitzsimmons said.

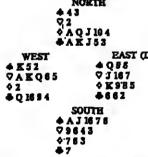
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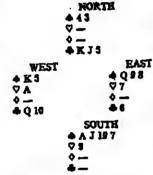
By Alan Truscott

IN the diagramed deal Steve Weistein sat South, landing in three diamonds after his partner spade and heart less happily, had made an unusual jump to two no-trump showing minor suits. A trump was led, and East allowed dummy's queen to

South cashed the club ace ruffed a club and led his remaining rump. West's heart discard was a disappointment. The



jack was played, losing to the king, and the heart jack was led. Another heart forced a ruff in durarry, and the missing trumps were drawn. West gave up a leading to this elegant ending:



The spade ten was finessed, and after winning with the king West could cash a heart winner. Then he had to choose between giving dummy three club tricks or the declarer three spade tricks. Whichever be did, Weinstein had his nine tricks.

If West had bared the spade 2 N.T. king and saved the heart king. South could have survived by cashing the spade ace and lead-

IN BRIEF

'Elves' Come Out in the Atmosphere

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Scientists have discovered an atmospheric phenomenon they call "elves" — flashes of light that occur at far higher altitudes than ordinary lightning and are

too fast to see with the naked eye.

Elves — short for emissions of light and very low frequency perturbations from electromagnetic pulse sources — join a small collection of luminous electrical phenomena that appear briefly after lightning strikes. Others are "red sprites" high in the atmosphere and "blue jets" at cloud tops.

The discovery of elves was described by Walter A. Lyons, a scientist and president of ASTeR Inc., an atmospheric testing and environmental research firm in Fort Collins, Colorado. He was to present his results Thursday at the American Geophysical Union meeting in San Francisco.

Benefits of Heart Bypass for Women

CHICAGO (AP) — Though women die in heart operations at higher rates than men, a new study found that those who survive recover as well as or better than men.

The lead author, Dr. John Z. Ayanian, assistant professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital, said, "While the mortality remains a concern, it is reassuring to know that their functioning is very good - and comparable to men six mooths later."

Dr. Ayanian's team studied 454 consecutive bypass patients at the Boston bospital from June 1989 through March 1990. The women were much more likely than the men to have had severe chest pain, a recent heart attack or congestive heart failure before their operations. But six months after surgery, women and men reported similar ability to walk, do bousehold chores, interact with family and attend outside gatherings. The findings were reported in The Journal of the American Medical Association.

Protein Slows Breast Cancer in Lab Tests

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (Reuters) - A protein found in the human body shows signs of slowing the growth of breast cancer cells in laboratory tests, according to researchers attending an international breast cancer symposium in San Antonio. The pro-tein, known as oncostatin M, inhibited the growth of cancer cells taken from seven of nine different breast tumors in receot tests.

EW YORK - When the light of day is turned off for five and a half million years, creatures must learn to navigate without seeing, to live in an atmosphere that could kill outsiders and to make do without the solar energy that sustains the food chain elsewhere. But survive these troglobionts do, and a pitch-dark cave in Romania has become a laboratory for biologists studying life at the precarious edge of existence.

By Malcolm W. Browne

New York Times Service

During the last three years a team of American and Romanian scientists from the University of Cincinnati in Ohio has been mining biological treasure from the Stygian darkness of Movile Cave near Mangalia, Romania, which is on the shore of the Black Sea about 10 miles (16 kilometers) north of the Bulgarian border. Dr. Thomas Kane, a professor of biology at the University of Cincinnati, said 48 species have been identified in the cave, of which 33 were previously unknown. Movile Cave

pendent species. There are no vertebrates among the animals in the cave, and the environment in which they live is similar in some respects to the deep-ocean thermal vents studied by marine biologists. Among the previously unknown species of cave dwellers discovered by the Cincinnati group were three species of spiders, a centipede, four species of terrestrial isopods (called "pill bugs"), a leech never seen anywhere. else in the world and a very unusual insect called a water scorpion.
"It's related to bedbugs," Dr. Kane

Serban Sarbu exploring Movile Cave in Romania and with one of its creatures, a blind leech.

(Creepy) Creatures of the Night

said. "There are several surface-dwelling species of the insect in Europe and the United States, but this aquatic version is the first seen anywhere."

Another species the scientists were surrised to find was a spider. "If you wanted to find a surface relative of this spider that belonged to the same group, the closest one is in the Canary Islands," Dr. Kane said, "and that's tropical. What we think is, that back at the end of the Miocene Epoch, about 5.5 million years ago, a big climatic change had a tremendous impact on life. We know there was a big change, because has been so scientifically productive that the Mediterranean Sea dried up around that the National Science Foundation recently time. We think that the surface-dwelling renewed its grant to the Cincinnati team ancestors of at least some of the species we Dr. Brian Kinkle, the microbiologist in vironment. When the global climate pensive in the deep sea." Although byhave some of the characteristics of Movile, those that had adapted to some degree to cave is not high enough to endanger the oone exhibit such a diversity of interde- living in warm caves underground. Scientists, be said.

Evolutionary change in the cave after it was sealed off from the surface world was probably rapid, Dr. Kane believes, occur-ring within a few tens or hundreds of thousands of years.
In both Movile Cave (which is about 160

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feet deep and 800 feet long, or about 48 by 200 meters) and in water near oceanic thermal vents, the absence of light precludes photosynthesis, the chemical process by which green plants draw energy from sun-light to build carbohydrates from water and carbon dioxide. Microorganisms at the bottom of the food chain in caves and the deep. ocean are therefore obliged to use a different strategy, in which energy is extracted by oxidizing hydrogen sulfide dissolved in the water. By using chemical energy from bydrogen sulfide in place of the radiant energy of sunlight, a peculiar class of bacteria called chemoautotrophs not only survive

but furnish food for higher orga All the animals in the care have lost their ability to see, and their footies have lost all pigmentation. Some have very large antennas, and they probably navigate using tactile, chemical and electrical sensors.

The great advantage of this cave over deep-ocean vents," Dr. Kane said, "is that, it is easily accessible. We can experiment scientists, be said.

Herd of Rare Deer Found in Tibet

By Tim Hilchey New York Times Service

EW YORK - Following a hunch that took him trekking through Tibet, a scientist with the Wildlife Conservation Society has found a herd of Tibet red deer, a species not seen in the wild for about 50 years.

The animal, a relative of the North American elk, was last reported in a Western publication in the 1940s, and the deer was subsequently listed as "probably extinct" by the World Conservation Union, said Dr. George B. Schaller, the director for science at the conservation group.

The search began because several red- Dr. Schaller said. The herd was about 200

some captive animals indicated that some remained in the wild," Dr. Schaller said. it's someties called, so we made a special effort to look at those areas."

The researchers found "scattered remnants" of the deer in their traditional range in the southeastern Himalayas along the border with India, but in numbers so limited that long-term survival in those areas is in question. "Then, by accident, we found a nice little population of maybe 200 animals in an area we didn't expect them,"

deer stags were seen in 1987 in a menagerie miles (320 kilometers) east of Lhasa in an in Lhasa. "The very fact that there were area about 100 miles north-northwest of the animal's past known range.

Dr. Schaller said the Tibet Forest Bureau "From past records, I knew the approx- was "now very concerned about wildlife" imate range of the Tibet red deer, or shou as and had established a guard pairol to protect the remaining animals from poachers.

The Tibet red deer, or Cervus elaphus wallichi, is gray-brown in color. Manne animals weigh about 250 pounds (110 kilograms) and stand about four feet at the shoulder. Males have a white rump patch, and adult males have five-timed antiers the bend inward at an angle distinct from that of other species of red deer. The animals inhabit meadows 13,000 to 14,000 feet (4,000 to 4,250 meters) above sea level.

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BOOKS

THE DEATH OF SATAN: How Americans Have Lost the Sense of Evil

By Andrew Delbanco. 274 pages. \$23. Farrar Strauss

Reviewed by Robert Wilson

ALTHOUGH Andrew Delbanco makes a persuasive case in "The Death of Satan" for the disappearance of the Evil One from the modern imagination, Satan seems, nevertheless, to be enjoying a pret-ty good 1995. Delbanco follows Elaine Pagels ("The Origin of Satan") as the second serious scholar this year writing for a general audience about the meaning of Satan in Western intellectual history.

Still, Delbanco's main argument holds. Although evil of evil seems obscure. Why does this matter? Because Satan and all that he has represented may no longer exist, but "something that feels like this force still invades our experiit on others." Thus, we have race, for instance, which de- of the invisible world as a leif on others." Thus, we have late, for instance, which de-"an inescapable problem: we pend on the demonization of gitimate object of knowledge." as pride-of the striving self. Stalin, and the thudding echoes Congress, wrote if feel something that our culture others. Although, as Delbanco This was hard on God as well as There could be no place for the of Cambodia and a dozen small- Washington Post.

no longer gives us the vocabulary to express. It probably ought to be said upfront, although Delbanco

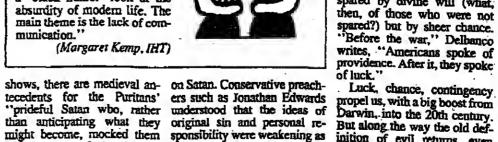
does not say it until the end of "The Death of Saran," that the elegant argument be makes leaves out the large majority of humankind that believes in God or some other transcendent idea. He does so "because the story I have tried to tell is the story of the advance of secular rationality in the United States. which has been relentless in the face of all resistance." This is what Delbanco, a lit-

erary critic and humanities professor at Columbia, offers in his book: an intellectual history of America, told primarily through its literature. A vibrantly personalized Satan lived in early America, transplanted with the settlers from Europe. Delbanco draws a crucial distinction between the way setseems omnipresent, the source tiers in the South and those in beyond the walls of the fort, the As the values of the European other, for the Puritans he rep- Enlightenment drifted over to resented qualities of the soul. 18th-century America, they This distinction will echo ence, and we still discover in through American history - in ourselves the capacity to inflict attitudes toward slavery and we still live: the dispossession

WHAT THEY BE READING

 Jesper Jerrik, general manager of Château Eza on the Côte d'Azur, is reading "Breakfast of Champions" by Kurt Vonnegut.
"A witty, trenchant, affec-

tionate look at America and the American people. It also takes a 'black humor' look at the absurdity of modern life. The main theme is the lack of communication.'



might become, mocked them with an image of what they al-ready were, 'this view carries the seeds for Satan's weakening Satan himself began to fade. For the likes of Ben Franklin, role in American life. In the New World, Satan the self-reliant, supreme rationalproud and wily striver began to ist, good and evil were no Carbolics - the unclean mass-

rationalizes. Delbanco deftly follows this trend into the 19th century." By "effected a sweeping reorga-1850, Americans found themoization of reality with whichselves both liberated and imprisoned by the enormously

devil in this new world, whose er bolocausts, right up to the religion was pride of self."

The Civil War dealt a further blow to the idea of a transcendent reality. Where so many young men could die so senseiessly, how could the hand of curse but shrug.
God be at work? Those who "We have rea survived such a slaughter could no longer believe they had been spared by divine will (what, lief that have been discredited then, of those who were not but the very capacity to bespared?) but by sheer chance. heve." Before the war," Delbanco writes, "Americans spoke of providence. After it, they spoke of luck."

propel us, with a big boost from Darwin, into the 20th century. of Satan as a figure in white "our first genuinely modern Americans' minds. Evil be-public voice," the self-made, comes again the other-not inst comes again the other-not just blacks, but immigrants, Jews, the North saw him: In Virginia look uncomfortably like the longer absolutes, but subject to the represented that which was typical American success story. period "The Age of Blame."

With the 20th century, evil, back." like everything else, went mass: the mechanization of death in World War I, the unimaginable compelling idea-once decried millions destroyed by Hitler and

present moment in Bosnia. With the deaths of God, their Freud, then Marx, we came to the postmodern condition of irony. We no longer pray or

"We have reached a point," Delbanco writes, "where it is not only specific objects of be-

So whatsamatter with irony? Without reverence for something, there can be no proscriptions - and it should be clear Luck, chance, contingency enough to any observer of contemporary culture that we are short on both. Irony has proven to be a more potent solvent of inition of evil returns, even our erstwhile beliefs than any without the personal presence contending belief. Yet for all its power to dissolve the presumptions of the past, it cannot produce future commitments. Its

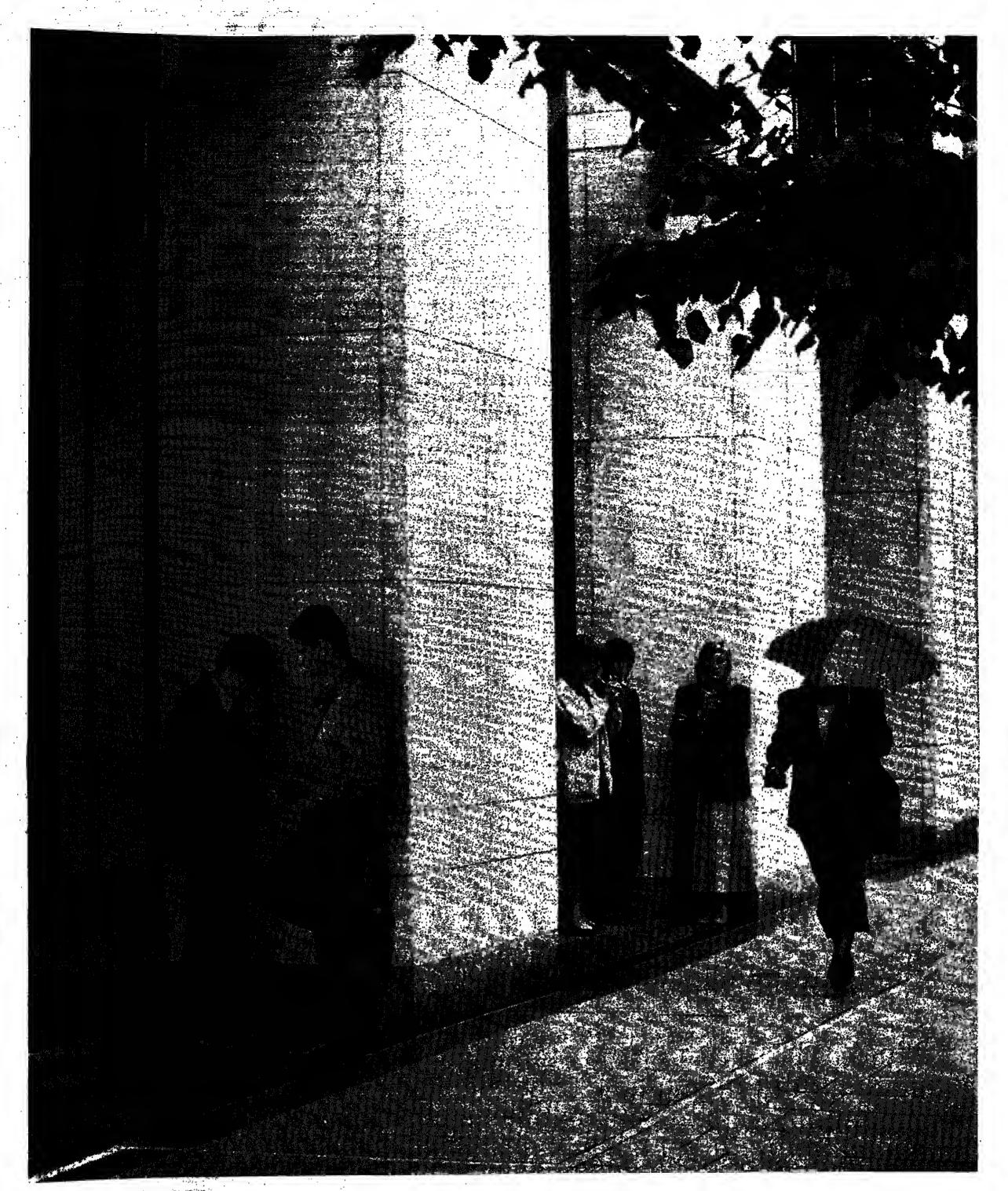
energy is negative." This is the dead end to which a world without Satan has taken us. Delbanco notes the renewal genics. Delbanco cails this sad of interest in Satan, and the apparent "hunger to get him

> Robert Wilson, the former literary editor of Civilization, the magazine of the Library of





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Does the Euromanager really exist?

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Detting out to define the across many different mar-Euromanager is almost as tricky as finding a definition for Europe itself. In either case, the target is likely either to be moving or nonexistent. When they appoint international or European managers, major corporations are looking for people who are at least bilingual, if not trilingual, who have not spent all their working life in the same group and who are used to operating across cul-tures," says Joëlle Freyre at Amrop International in Kamran Kashani, a busi-

ness professor at IMD in with the move as well." Lausanne, Switzerland, says: "Typically, people who succeed as cross-cultur-al managers are difficult to pin down to a particular place or country of origin. They may have been to schools in different countries during childhood, and then moved around the world a lot later in life. In the European context, coranywhere in Europe. porations on the lookout for such executives are often consumer-driven organizations like Nestlé, Proctor &

Gamble and Unilever. Characteristically, the managers concerned are sought after for headquarters positions in multinational companies, where their re-

French chemicals giant Rhône-Poulenc operates in 140 countries around the world, including Britain, the United States and Eastern Europe. "When we make international managerial appointments, we look for someone with development potential, the will to succeed and cultural adaptability, says Michel Jouffert, who is responsible for management development at the group's head office in France. "It is also essential to ensure that the potential appointee's family will be comfortable

Happy with ambiguity Elisabeth Marx, head of NB Selection in London, warns against the danger of taking the ability to manage in Europe for granted. "Some companies have come to believe that since we are now used to the idea of a European community, any man-ager can do his or her joh

However, quite different management practices and styles apply even in neighboring countries," she says. For example, in simplified terms. German executives tend to have low tolerance of ambiguity and like to work with certainties. British sponsibilities will stretch managers, on the other hand,



are quite happy with amhi-guity, whilst French husinesspeople characteristically revel in working out hypothetical frameworks as an aid to decision making."

A particular situation arises in Central and East European countries. Characteristically, managers there are well educated, and they possess high technical skills. However, they are less wellversed in Western management practices and techniques such as marketing and finance. Several Western institu-

tions are now addressing this issue. For example, two leading business schools -Insead in France and IESE in Barcelona, Spain - are cooperating in a subsidized loan program aimed at East European students. The scheme also involves ABN-AMRO Bank in the Netherlands and the European Bank for Reconstruction and

Development in London. With the advent of the Eurepeat Union and the enternce of three major trading blocks. Europeans have been trying to promote the idea that European diversity is an advantage in the global marketplace. Such claims are impossible to test, but we do know that Europe has some outstanding global competitors," says David B. Allen, professor of strategic management at the Instituto de Empresa in Madrid, Spain, "Perhaps the best example is ABB, where CEO

Language abilities At the same time, the importance of language abilities is reflected in the increasing attention being paid to the

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business aspects of language learning and culture. One example is the annual Expolangues exhibition, to be held on Feb. 15-19 in Paris. which now includes a specific business section called 'espace affaires."

"Typically, British and U.S. companies have tended to send executives on overseas posting for short periods of two to three years," says Denice Welch - an Australian national - at the Norwegian School of Management. This means that managers often spend the first and last year trying to get into the joh and the cul-ture and the last wondering ahout where they will be posted next. Japanese companies, on the other hand, usually send managers abroad for a four- or fivevear stretch.

With the disappearance of internal frontiers in Europe. companies are increasingly

planning many of their operations on a product rather them a territorial basis. Inds influences the criteria for selecting managers and organizing management struc-

"One of our clients - a British clothing manufactur-er - recently decided to reorganize its French operations," says Martin Boyle, associate director of NBS in Leeds, Britain. 'It opted for a structure under which a local sales manager and a commercial administration officer will each report to the [British] office, thus forming part of the central management team.

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The need for executives with cross-cultural managerial skills has been encouraging Europe's leading husiness schools to place international perspective of both their MBA degree courses and their non-degree executive programs.

One example is provided by IESE - the International Graduate School of Management of the University of Navarra – in Barcelona. IESE offers a two-year bilin-gual Spanish-English MBA, first launched in 1980. Faculty and students are drawn from a variety of European, North American and Latin American countries. Mr. Allen remains skepti-

cal as to whether a specifically European style of management exists. The bottom line is that management theory and practices are still mostly an American invention, with Europeans and Asians responding to American models," he says.

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"This year, more recruiters and exceptionally qualified job applicants are taking part than ever be-fore," says EMDS Managing Director Stéphane Wajskop. "The candidates admitted to the forum have heen rigorously selected from some 6,500 applications submitted from around the world."

The event is being spon-sored by RWE, Com-merzbank and the European Commission's EURES division. Essentially it aims at matching high-caliber international graduates and young executives to major husinesses. Candidates range in age from around 23 to 30. "About 35 percent of the candidates find a joh placement directly through the forum," Mr. Wajskop says. "Whenever these executive job-seekers express an advance preference for particular corporations, we preselect for interview the candidate best fulfilling the criteria laid down by the com-

panies concerned. Candidates this year come from around 50 different countries, with Western Europe taking the major share. The numbers of candidates from Central and East European countries are also on

Around 300 individual recruiters will carry out several thousand interviews in total over the three-day fair. The forum enables businesses to raise their profile and market their image, as well as providing young managers with an unrivaled opportunity to discover what companies have to offer them internationally.

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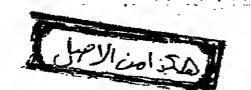


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EUROPEAN WOMEN IN MANAGEMENT: How High Can They CLIMB?

About 30 percent of students taking MBA courses in Around 40 percent of new management recruits at European business schools are women. Yet when companies send senior executives back to those same schools on upmarket management-development programs, the per-centage of women is unlikely to exceed 5 percent. Is this now changing, or does the so-called "glass ceiling" still invisibly prevent women from rising to senior posts?

"There are still very few women executives from Britain working on major international assignments," says Elisabeth Marx, head of NB Selection in London. "It is particularly noticeable that those women who do make it to high managerial positions are especially able, sometimes more so than male applicants for the same jobs."

Joelle Freyre at Amrop International in Paris takes a similar line. "We do not see an enormous number of women appointed to senior management jobs in France, particularly those with an international dimension," she says. "However, we do come across many cases nowadays in which young couples are trying to run dual careers. This makes the choice of a career path involving multiple postings to different countries especially compli-cated."

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Many European countries have enacted social security legislation such as paid parental leave that eases the burden on women trying to reconcile family and business roles. This is particularly the case in the Scandinavian states, though even there it is doubtful whether such provisions have significantly boosted the numbers of women in the upper echelons of business. Moreover, European Union countries are trying to reduce their budget deficits and debt ratios by slashing public-sector spending. This could result in erosion of the existing benefits.

"Appointing women managers is no mere symbolic esture inspired by political correctness," says Annie Tobias, director of the office of the president at IMD in Lausanne, Switzerland. "Rather, it has become a simple necessity for companies that need to breathe more diversity into their decision-making procedures and corporate structures. This diversity is essential if companies are to survive and prosper in today's fast-changing environment. My remark applies especially strongly to European countries, which have maintained relatively conservative outlooks. By contrast, the original release trigger in the United States was the more radical women's movement of the 1970s. Characteristically, women adopt a cooperative rather than a competitive approach to getting the job done. Nowadays, with bigger emphasis on working in teams and the flattening of traditional corporate hierarchies, this approach really adds value to the company's output."

Rhône-Poulenc are female. "We take particular care to ensure that pay rates for men and women in equivalent jobs stay in line, and we also try to help women managers compensate for gaps in their work experience when they return after maternity leave," says Michel Jouffert, Rhône-Poulenc's management development officer. "It is true that we still have no women at top board level, but this can be ascribed in part to the fact that systematic recruitment of potential female managers only began about 15 years ago.

A countervailing movement is that of women who become frustrated with the corporate rat race in their late 30s or early 40s and move out to set up their own business or to take on more creative or public interest activities. "This is particularly noticeable in the United States, where many corporate startups are launched by women," says Denice Welch, associate professor in international human resources at the Norwegian School of Management. "In most European countries, on the other hand, the percentage of new businesses created by women is much lower."

Encouraging women applicants In some cases, individual companies – such as Marks & Spencer and The Royal Bank of Scotland - have adopted policies aimed at boosting female participation in management. Business federations and management centers have launched similar efforts; one example is Britain's Opportunity 2,000 scheme. In another instance, the Norwegian School of Management recently part-sponsored a scholarship for two women MBA students; the surrounding publicity encouraged an increase in ordinary nonscholarship MBA applications from women as well.

Taking on international assignments is a good route to promotion in many companies, but it can also play havoc with private and family life," says Dr. Welch. "Most of the people posted off to multiple overseas assignments are still male, but sometimes it is the man who becomes what the Americans refer to as 'the trailing spouse.' Women can often turn to long-established support networks in this situation, whereas men can be more isolated. In one instance, a male journalist followed his better-paid partner to a posting in Singapore. Obtaining a local work permit proved a lengthy process, and in the meanwhile he spent much of his time getting odd looks at the swimming pool.

"Some multinationals are trying to address the problem by making more local appointments and bringing key staff together at international conferences and training seminars. ABB provides one good example. This sort of seminars. ABB provides one good example. approach provides an alternative route to building up a cohesive global organization."

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A managerial class with international standards is emerging in Central and Eastern Europe.

Central and East Europeans do not always go business. "They wouldn't west for management trainWest for management trainWest for management train
in its managers to run the business. "They wouldn't survive," says Czech-born

The typical regional man
The typical regional maning. Schools like the International Management Center in Budapest, Prague's Economic University, the International Executive Development Center in Slovenia and others have been teaching on local talent, locally marketing and finance since the 1980s - a time when few people in the region even knew what an MBA was. But business training has bloomed into respectability, and schools now run entrepreneurship divisions to help speed privatization and arrange East-West exchanges to U.S. or European institutions. Their programs, geared to anyone pondering taking the business plunge in the region, focus on Central and Eastern Europe, and their alumni are putting the

Influence is felt

Though their small classes of 25 students do not approach the massive turnout of Harvard, the weight of these institutions is being felt. "The numbers aren't there yet, but locally trained managers are influential." says Chris Dalton, director of student affairs at the International Management Center, where the MBA focuses on relevant, regional issues. They make a difference in the standards inside offices."

area on the economic map.

In the Czech Republic, the average Western corporation can no longer simply bring

Tomas Parizek, a board member of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. "They need strong local support." Today, most Czech outfits rely trained.

Enterprises busily restructuring or introducing new products in the open market have increased the call for this new breed and written a local success story around them. Today, more than 90 percent of the nation's retail sales are in private hands. State-owned chains have all but disappeared. "Five years ago, 40 percent of our trade was with Russia," Mr. Parizek says. "Now it is 9 percent." Local managers, not executives imported from the West, are responsible for this power shift. The self-reliant Czechs are proud of not having sold out their economy to the West. They are prouder still of being, as of late last month, the first ex-communist state to join the OECD.

The situation is comparable in Hungary, where 20,000 joint ventures have sparked new companies and opportunities. Though onethird of all companies here are multinationals and produce two-thirds of the nation's exports, the executives that once came exclusively from abroad are being replaced by Hungarians with

ager of the 1980s was an older, often overweight holdover from the nomenklatura who spoke no foreign languages besides Russian. The new picture for the 1990s is the "Young Turk," a tennis-playing yuppie in his 30s or 40s. Since this generation cut its teeth when foreign travel was easier, its members are more

like presentation skills. In the Czech Republic, this new breed of manager often works for a Western company, then rises to take the reins of a multinational as regional manager. In Hungary, observers say, top local managers are blending with the multinational managerial class; as a result, the transnational hire could be on its way out.

Eventually, experts say, a standard profile will emerge: a mobile, open-minded, region-sensitive individual wbo speaks three languages (English, the local language, and French or Italian) and who is able to do business both at home and abroad your typical MBA hire, in

ropeans will match their Western colleagues for acumen in affairs. The current gap that separates salaries between them should even out as well.

Western participation

Western business schools are doing their bit to help develop the new generation of managers in Central and Eastern Europe. France's open and know more West-ESC (Ecole Supérieure de ern languages and concepts, Commerce) graduate management school network is one active player.

Led by the European Foundation for Management Development, a group of business schools, ESC Rouen and Moscow's Academy of National Economy recently obtained 7 million ECU from the European Union to form management teachers and executives from Russia, Ukraine, Kyrgystan and Uzbekistan.

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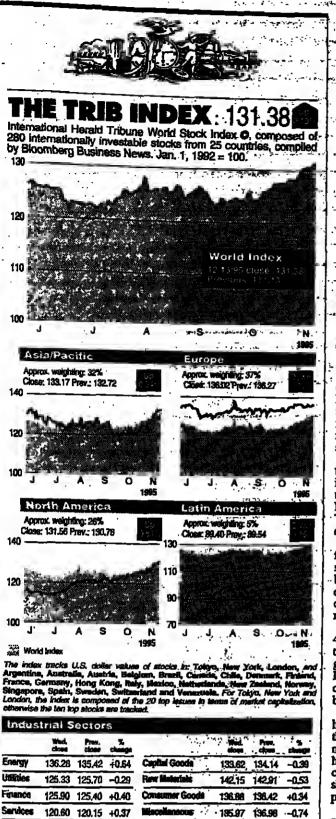
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Britain Lowers **Key Rate** Will Germany

And U.S. Follow?

By Richard W. Stevenson : New York Times Service

LONDON - With economic growth apparently weakening and inflation restrained, Britain cut its official interest rate by a quarter point Wednesday, to 6.5 percent, foreshadowing possi-ble rate reductions in Germany and the United States.

It was the first interest-rate cut in Britain in 22 months. Britain has raised rates three times since February 1994, from 5.25 percent, to keep inflation in check as the economy showed steady growth.

The German central bank is to meet Thursday to consider an interest-rate reduction, and in the United States the Federal Reserve Board will consider Tuesday whether to ease mon-

etary policy. Like Britain, they will be faced with data that, while contradictory. somewhat broadly indicate that their economies are losing steam and could use the stimulus that a rate cut provides.

The British economy grew 4.1 percent in 1994 and is estimated by Natwest Group to be growing 2.4 percent this year. Inflation is running at 3.4 percent this year and is expected to be about 2.6 percent next year.

Britain's decision to cut rates had been widely anticipated in the financial markets, although most economists had expected a half-point reduction. The Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100share index closed at 3,662.40 points, up 0.20 percent.

The move of a quarter of a point suggested policymakers retained some doubts about just how much the economy had

Executives Like EMU

By Erik Ipsen International Herald Tribune

LONDON - Seven out of 10 of the ex- and institutions." ecutives who run Europe's largest companies day, the eve of the European Union's Madrid summit meeting.

What is more, they fear that failure to press ahead with currency union could endanger many of the gains achieved by Europe's single

The survey of executives at 171 large corporations in all but the smallest three EU economies pointed out widely varying sentiments among commies and industry groups. Monetary union's strongest backers proved to be in France, where the concept won plaudits from 87 percent of executives, and in the banking industry, where 79 percent were in favor.

Andersen Consulting, which conducted the survey, expressed surprise at the level of enthusiasm revealed in the poll, especially from bankers. The results contrasted with widespread expectations that a single currency would deprive banks of much of their profitable trade in the European Union's often volatile 15 currencies and would open their respective national markets to greater competition.

Ellis, Andersen Consulting's managing partner. "But in the longer term they see it opening up the market to more pan-European products

Among the executives surveyed at large now say they favor a single European cur-rency, according to a poll to be released Thurs-some of the single market's biggest employers: the auto industry. Just over half of them -54 percent - said they thought a single currency would prove beneficial.

British executives showed the greatest reservations toward a single currency. More than a quarter of them said it would be bad for business, and only 62 percent said they viewed it as a plus.

Surprisingly, German sentiment on mooetary union was far closer to that of Britain than that of France. Nearly a quarter of German executives disapproved of the single currency, while 68 percent backed the concept.

■ Bundesbank Warns on Debt Limit

Germany is "no longer very far" from the government debt limit set forth in the Maastricht Treaty's guidelines for European monetary union, the Bundesbank said in a monthly report, according to a Knight-Ridder dispatch from

But the Bundesbank repeated that Germany's 49 billion Deutsche mark (\$34 million) 1995 "In the short term the single currency will federal borrowing requirement "probably will not be good news for them." said Vernoo not be substantially exceeded."

French Unions Unnerve Markets

Bloomberg Business News

PARIS — Stocks, bonds and the franc fell Wednesday as investors worried that labor unions opposed to cuts in public-sector spending would extract concessions from the government that would put European economic and monetary union beyond France's reach. To qualify for European currency union in 1999, France is trying to cut spending to reduce its deficit to 3 percent of gross domestic product

France, the union is unlikely to go ahead.

The benchmark CAC-40 stock index dropped 15.18 points, or 0.8 percent, to 1,833.76. The price of the benchmark 10-year government bond fell, pushing its yield up to 6.84 percent from 6.79 percent. The Deutsche mark strengthened to 3.4584 francs at the end of Paris trading, from 3.4496 francs.

"We're quite pessimistic," said Arnaud Sangle-Ferrière, a fund manager at the French by 1997, from 6 percent last year. Without insurance company Cardif.

Anti-Piracy Unit Closes in China After Threats

Bloomberg Business News GUANGZHOU, China -An international music industry group said Wednesday it had elosed its office here after receiving death threats from local

compact disk factories.

The International Federation of the Phonographic Industry, which represents about 1,100 record producers in more than 70 countries, said it was temporarily moving its staff of 15 to Shanghai and Beijing.

The situation became untenable wheo IFP1 heard from reliable sources that 'hit men' had been contracted on behalf of certain CD factories to halt IFPI operations in China," the organization said.

In February, responding to international pressure, China said it would allow foreign musie and software industry groups to opeo offices in China to monitor piracy.

The pact also called for the closure of 29 pirate compact disk factories in southern China. So far only one of the factories has been shut, according to U.S. trade officials.

"The fight against piracy is always a dangerous one," said lion.
Nic Garnett, director general of phooographic industry group. "By stamping out piracy, we cost the pirates millions of dollars, so they will stop at nothing in order to prevent our

China is now the biggest producer of pirated CDs in the world, with sales of 256 million units a year worth about \$250 million, the industry group said.

Mr. Garnett said the threats proved that the fight against piracy in China had reached a 'critical point.'

He said his group had called on the Chinese government to provide his staff with the necessary security to carry on its operations.

The news of the office's closure came as Lee Sands, assistant U.S. trade representative for China, traveled to Beijing for a week of talks on China's failure to implement the February agreement and other traderelated issues. Last month, U.S. Trade Rep-

resentative Mickey Kantor said he would not "wait forever" for China to implement the agreement. Progress needs to be made before a U.S. government review of the agreement later in the month.

The February agreement was reached only after the United States threatened China with trade sanctions totaling \$1 bil-

China's exports of CD-ROMs, compact disks used to store computer software, douhled in the first half of this year, and large oumbers of pirated disks have been reported seized by U.S. customs officials.

For more information about the Index, a booklet is available free of charge,

INTERNATIONAL MANAGER

Rockefeller Survives a Rough Ride

EW YORK - It has been Just as David Rockefeller was solidifying his role as the business dynasty's thirdgeneration patriarch, two of the proudest symbols of the Rockefeller name suffered

avert that humiliation.

Three months later, Chase Manhattan Bank, known for years as the "Rock" one force capable of uniting the growing efeller Bank" and the crucible where Mr. "number of hens to the multibillion-dollar Rockefeller forged his reputation as America's premier capitalist and business statesman, was gobbled up by Chemical Banking Corp., its decidedly more plehian competitor.

Making matters worse, before all that happened, Mr. Rockefeller, 80, broke his leg on a trip to Tokyo in February to negotiate with Mitsuhishi Estate Co. about keeping Rockefeller Center out of its creditors' hands. There have been some episodes, yes,

that were unhappy and difficult, breaking my leg not the least of them," be said receotly in his unimposing office on the 56th floor of 30 Rockefeller Plaza, the nerve center of the family's activities.

But it will appareotly take more than a few disappointments to sidetrack the

Cross Rates

sion as caretaker of the family legacy.

-It is a role that in a sense has been thrust rough year for the standard on him. Of John D. Jr.'s five sons, only bearer of one of the most fabled. David, and Laurance, 85, survive, and families in American history. Laurance has made it clear that he prefers

the 22 members of the fourth generation are known, has emerged with the expeembarrassing blows to their prestige. . . nence and connections to take on the man-First, Rockefeller Center filed for the of leadership. Only in this generation bankruptcy-law protection in May, de have the women assumed senior roles in spite Mr. Rockefeller's intense effort to the family's affairs, though a fair number have abandoued the Rockefeller name. So David Rockefeller carries on, the

family fortune. Despite his age, he main-tains an extremely busy schedule. He continues to update a card file con-

taining 100,000 names of most of the people he has ever met. And he always strives to put the best light on the shifting Rockefeller fortunes. Thanks to his efforts, the family is

poised to regain a stake in Rockefeller Center, albeit a much smaller one than it held before the bankruptcy. And while confessing to a certain metancholy over Chase Manhattan Corp.'s absorption by Chemical, he takes the view that some sort of merger was inevitable, given the rapid consolidation of the American banking

Even though the combined bank will clearly be dominated by Chemical exec-

grandson of John D. Rockefeller, the utives and their culture, he likes to point out 19th-century oil magnate, from his mis-

called beveled bagel corporate symbol.

Mr. Rockefeller's fractured femur has barely slowed him. Just three weeks after doctors inserted two pins into his leg, he presented an award to King Hussein of "to keep out of the limelight.
Moreover, none of the "cousins," as lordan on behalf of the American Committee for Foreign Policy, and after another month or so, he was back doing his morning workout.

'I only have a little more difficulty riding on horseback, because I can't quite get my leg up over the saddle easily," he

completed Tuesday.

His upbeat artitude hardly surprises his associates. "The past year has been fraught with frustrations and challenges for him, but he's made of steel, you know," said Joseph Verner Reed, an undersecretary-general at the United Nations and an old friend.

Mr. Rockefeller is more apt to describe himself as a plodder. "When things happen, you just have to try to find the best way of working them out that you can," he

Even within the family, there is the sense that David Rockefeller represents the end of an era. As other hands take possession of the Rockefeller crown jewels and the clan itself becomes bigger and more dispersed, it becomes increasingly uncertain whether the Rockefeller name will retain its cachet as a passport to the centers of political and economie power.

See ROCKEFELLER, Page 19

Kimberly-Clark to Eliminate 6,000 Jobs

Wayne Sanders, the compa- Scott's headquarters in Boca Ra-NEW YORK — Kimberlyny's chairman, said Kimberlyton, Florida, by late April and
Clark Corp. said Wednesday it
would cut 6,000 jobs by next
billion fourth-quarter charge reDelaware, by the end of July, summer and sell as many as 12 lated to the restructuring. factories after its acquisition of Mr. Sanders said the Dallas-Scott Paper Co., which was

based consumer-products company would save \$1.2 billioo by 1998, more than double its original estimate of \$588 million. "We oow realize our savings estimates were quite conserva-

plants, and 2,700 are headquarters or administrative positions, Mr. Sanders said. be cut by 1997 through attrition,

At least two of the plants to

Mr. Sanders said. Kimberly-Clark will

be sold are in the United States,

Delaware, by the end of July, Mr. Sanders said. Stock in Kimberly-Clark was up \$1.25, at \$79.75. The stock has climbed 36 percent since the companies gies, Kotex and Depend. Said June 23 they were looking at The new company, to be said June 23 they were looking at

day, and European regulators About 3,300 of the jobs to be said it could move forward. But eliminated are at the company's because of the marketing power the new company would have, the U.S. Justice Department demanded that Kimberly-Clark An additional 2,000 jobs will sell the Scott's baby wipes and Scotties facial tissues businesses before giving its approval.
"We can't allow a merger to

proceed that could raise prices of these household necessities,"

The combination would create a consumer-products company with about \$12 hillion in annual revenue and brand oames including Kleenex, Scott, Hug-

called Kimberly-Clark, would Shareholders of both com- be the second-largest U.S. conpanies approved the deal Tues- sumer-products maker, after

(Bloomberg, AP) ■ Union Camp Stock Falls

Stock in Union Camp Corp. fell after the company said a slowdown in orders would force it to cut production at its paper mill, Bloomberg Business News reported from Wayne, New Jersey.

of these household necessities," The company's shares fell said Assistant Attorney General \$1, ending at \$46.625.

Telekom AG Slights German Banks

BONN - Deutsche Telekom AG, which is slated for a sale on the stock market next year, said Wednesday it had picked Switzerland's biggest bank over its German investment bankers to manage part of an employee sharepurchase plan.

Joachim Kröske, Telekom's chief finance officer, said Union Bank of Switzerland would run its investment plan, to be called Telekom Invest Partner, one of three ways in which Telekom employees will be able to buy its shares next

The decision was seen as a slap in the face for Germany's two biggest banks, Deutsche Bank AG and Dresdner Bank AG, which took part in a consortium managing Telekom's floration on international stock exchanges.

It reflected Telekom's growing frustration with these banks' lack of innovation and high investment banking fees. We have chosen the investment plan that we

consider to be the most innovative and with the lowest administrative costs attached." Mr. Kröske said.

Employees will also be able to buy shares under two plans managed by the Federacon of Postal Credit and Savings Agencies and by DG The volume of shares offered to employees

will make up around 2 percent of a flotation that it has been estimated will total \$10 billion. "The consortium banks competed, but we chose UBS," Mr. Kröske said.

After mooths of wrangling with German banks over a way to reduce costs for small investors and stimulate equity ownership, Telekom decided to issue more shares with a low

Mr. Kröske said in the past he only favored this approach if German banks would cut their commissioo fees in relatioo to the cut in the share's nominal value.

Fault Cited In Survey Of Internet

By Peter H. Lewis New York Times Service

NEW YORK - A Nielseo survey that coo-cluded that there were more than 24 millioo highly educated and affluent It users of the Internet in the United States and Canada may have "significantly inflated" its findings, perhaps by millions, the study's principal academie adviser now says.

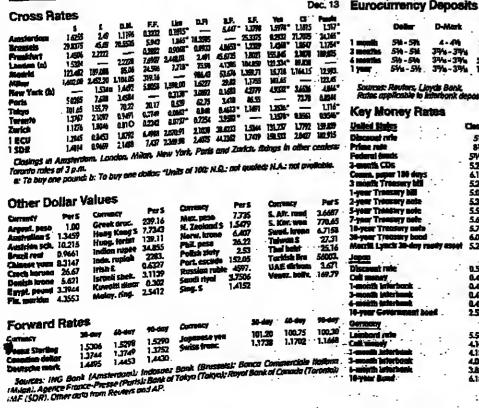
The findings of the Commercenet/Nielsen Internet Demographic Survey are based on fundamental flaws that render its conclusions invalid, said Donna L. Hoffman, a business professor at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

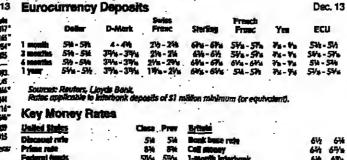
The survey was con-ducted by Nielsen, a unit of Dun & Bradstreet that performs marketing research, and was paid for by Commercenet, a group of companies that hopes to foster computerized commerce.

Other attempts to measure the rapidly growing global computer network have found far fewer regular users, although numbers vary widely.

Professor Hoffman said people with lower incomes and fewer years of education — a group that is considered less likely to use personal computers — had been underrepresented in the sample, skewing projections made from the survey sample.

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British Aerospace And Dassault Launch Venture Agence France-Presse

PARIS — Two top European fighter aircraft manufacturers. Dassault of France and British Aerospace Defense Ltd., announced an alliance Wednesday in the tough market for military aircraft.

They announced the creation of a joint subsidiary that would work at first on research and development but that later "might serve as the basis for joint activities."

They specified "the field of military aircraft."

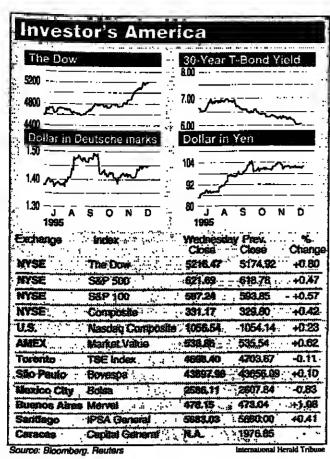
The initial work would concern the development of technology and methods for the use of their products and on ways of demonstrating technology for future programs.

The newspaper Les Echos re-ported that behind the announcement lay a plan for a close association between the two groups and suggested that 'already a merger of their defense aeronautics acovities is being considered."



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Very briefly:

Ford Expects to Post Lower Earnings

DEARBORN, Michigan (Bloomberg) - Ford Motor Co. is likely to post lower earnings in the fourth quarter because of aluggish growth and high costs of new models, Alex Trotman, Ford's chairman and chief executive, said Wednesday.

Wall Street is expecting the automaker to earn 45 cents a share in the quarter. The company earned \$1.47 a share in the fourth

Mr. Trotman said the company expected its global market share to rise to 13.4 percent this year from 13.2 percent a year ago.

NBC Set to Launch News Channel

NEW YORK (AFX) - NBC will announce the launch of a 24hour news channel on Thursday in which Microsoft Corp. will take a stake, according to a report on CNBC television.

NBC and CNBC are both owned by General Electric Co. The report follows speculation, denied by Microsoft, that the software company was in talks to take a major stake in NBC itself.

 Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. will acquire Pharmavit Gyogyszer-Es Elelmiszeripari Reszvenytarsasag, a Hungarian maker of nutritional products, generic drugs and over-the-counter medicines, in a transaction valued at \$110 million.

 Oracle Corp. unveiled a set of programs to manage corporate computer networks aimed at competing with Microsoft Corp.

·Bausch & Lomb Inc., which has come under fire for marketing practices that depleted its profits, said its chief executive, Daniel E. Gill, will retire at the end of the year.

AP. Bloomberg. AFX

Merger Fires Up BayBanks Shares

surged Wednesday after Bank of Boston Corp. announced a \$1.95 hillion stockswap takeover.

In a friendly takeover, Bank of Boston said late Tuesday it had agreed to exchange 2.2 of its shares for each share of Bay-Banks, the biggest consumer banking company in New England.

\$92.50, while Bank of Boston shares were largest bank in New England. down \$1.75 to \$43.625.

Massachusetts and the 15th largest in the consumer market.

their 24,500 jobs, half through layoffs and half through attrition, and close about a

fifth of their 400 combined branches.

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

the proposed merger of CRA Ltd. with RTZ Corp. of Britain on Wednesday but

imposed conditions on the mining-com-

pany deal that would increase Australia's

two companies under a single management

gave the green light to the merger plan on the condition that CRA's geographical al-

system but keeps a dual share structure.

The merger, which would create the

Australia's Foreign Investment Board

strong presence in Latin America.

The Australian government approved

NEW YORK - Stock in BayBanks Inc. with a number of large banks including Corestates Financial Corp., Mellon Bank Corp., Fleet Financial Group and Bank of New York.

While Bank of Boston has successful operations in Latin America, it decided its domestic operations were too small to compete with the growing banking giants, especially Fleet, which bought Shawmut BayBanks shares closed up \$7.50 at National Corp. in January, forming the

BayBanks has long been viewed as the The combined bank, with assets of more most obvious acquisition choice for Bank than \$55 billion, will be the largest bank in of Boston, which has lagged in serving the

Analysts said that the bank had chosen The banks said they would cut 2,000 of the right partner and that the two banks would complement each other.

Bank of Boston has strong commercial and international operations, while Bay-The agreement caps a year in which the Banks is more consumer-oriented and has a

America and that at least one-third of the

the mine La Escondida in Chile, the sec-

ond-largest holding behind that of Aus-

would be altered dramatically," one analyst

BHP Pty. would be in line to become the

world's second-largest copper producer if it proceeds with a friendly takeover of a U.S. (Knight

"If Escondida was transferred to CRA,

new board's members be Australians.

tralia's Broken Hill Proprietary Co.

Australia Advances in Latin America

world's largest mining concern, puts the Australia's role as a major copper player

Bank of Boston tried and failed to merge notably heavy presence in the Boston

Bank of Boston has assets of \$45.2 billion, 279 branches across the United States and more than 100 offices abroad.

223 branches in Massachusetts. In Oc- led by drug companies, on ex- ences in price between stocktober, the bank also began expanding else-

where in New England. "It is as near to a perfect deal as one can get," said Thomas Hanley, an analyst with CS First Boston in New York.

Drug

Bank of Boston had been trying for years to build a retail bank," said Mike Burd, director of financial institutions at First Albany Corp.

"Now in one acquisition they have the premier retail bank.

The series of failed merger attempts had prompted speculation by analysis that Bank of Boston was ripe for a takeover.

another Australian miner, North Ltd.

Australia's national interest.

gained 21/2 to 97%. could drive earnings growth at a

near 15 percent clip," said location be increased to include Latin producer, Magma Copper Co., next month.

America and that at least one-third of the MIM Holdings Ltd. of Australia holds a

The Dow Jones industrial av-50 percent interest in the yet-to-be deerage rose 41.55 points, to 5,215.47, surpassing the previous record of 5,199.13 set RTZ already holds a 30 percent stake in veloped Alumbrera copper project in Argentina. A further 25 percent is held by Dec. 6. Advancing issues out-Treasurer Ralph Willis said the merger conditions were "necessary to protect the New York Stock Exchange He added that Canberra placed "significant importance on the wider involverose to 414.7 million shares America. from 349.4 million Tuesday. ment in world economic activity of Aus-

A rise in Boeing also helped the Dow. Members of the company's machinists union began voting on a contract proposal to end a two-month-old strike. Boing finished up 21/4 at 763/8.

Federal Reserve Board would cut interest rates when it meets

yield up to 6.08 percent from

of 0.6 percent.

huy programs helped fuel the

Stock Prices Reach **Into New Territory**

NEW YORK - Stocks rose sociates. to another record Wednesday, trades can result from differpectations that earnings will ex- index futures prices and those of pand enough in 1996 to extend the underlying shares. the yearlong rally in stock

Drug and health-care stocks gained after a Merck meeting helped fuel some of the comwith analysts spurred optimism puter trades. that the companies will earn more than expected next year. Merck rose 17 to 651/s, Eli Lilly finished up 1/8 at 1021/8, and Home Products American

Merck's 'blockbuster drugs

U.S. STOCKS

David Saks, an analyst at Gruntal & Co. That type of growth would help "Merck shares to continue to outperform the mar-

(Knight-Ridder, AFP)

Bonds declined as a biggerthan-expected jump in November retail sales gave investors reason to question whether the

The price of the 30-year 41/4, to 46/4.

Treasury bond slipped 16/32 Airline issues rose, pushing point, to 110 27/32, pushing its the Dow Jones transportation

6.05 percent Tuesday.
The Commerce Department said retail sales increased 0.8 percent last month. The gain exceeded an expected increase.

A series of computer-guided

rally, according to Birinyi As-Computer-guided

Traders said the fact that monthly options and futures contracts expire on Friday

In the broad market, the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 2.91 points, to 621.69. The Nasdag composite index rose 4.47 points, to 1.056.54.

Oil stocks rose for the third straight day as crude oil prices neared \$19 a barrel. Exxon rose 136 to 85%, Mobil gained 11/2. to finish at 1161/4 and Texaco finished 1 higher, at 801/s.

Consumer-products companies gained as investors hedged against an economic slowdown. If the economy slumps and wages stagnate, spending on items such as toothpaste. medication and other necessities would not fall as much as orders for big-ticket items.

"People won't be buying computers when they're wornumbered declining ones by a ned about their jobs," said Tat 3-to-2 ratio, while volume on Auyeng, an equities trader at Benson North Kleinwort

Among declining stocks was Motorola. The cellular phone and semiconductor company's stock fell 11/2 to 59% after it was removed from the "recom-., mend list" at Dean Witter: Reynolds.

The stock has fallen recently on concern about an industrywide slowdown in cellular phone growth. American depositary receipts representing shares in Nokia, a Finnish competitor to Motorola, fell down

average up 13.76 points, to 2,084.54. Airline stocks have been popular lately because of high margins, strong demand

and successful restructurings. UAL rose 2 to 2074, Delta rose 34 to 7634 and AMR finished up 1/4 at 761/4.

· (Bloomberg, AP)

U.S. November Retail Data Underpin Dollar

NEW YORK - The dollar stayed firm

in thin trading Wednesday after it was buoyed by a larger-than-expected rise in U.S. retail sales. November retail sales exceeded most

expectations, posting their largest rise in more than a year and reducing prospects for a near-term U.S. interest rate cut in view of the apparent strength of the economy.

101.65 yen, down from 101.77 'The dollar is reasonably well bid," a

majority looking for U.S. and German rate Speculation over a cut in the Swiss discuts in the near future.' The Bundesbank council holds a meet-

ing Thursday, while the U.S. Federal Open

FOREIGN EXCHANGE Market Committee is scheduled to meet on

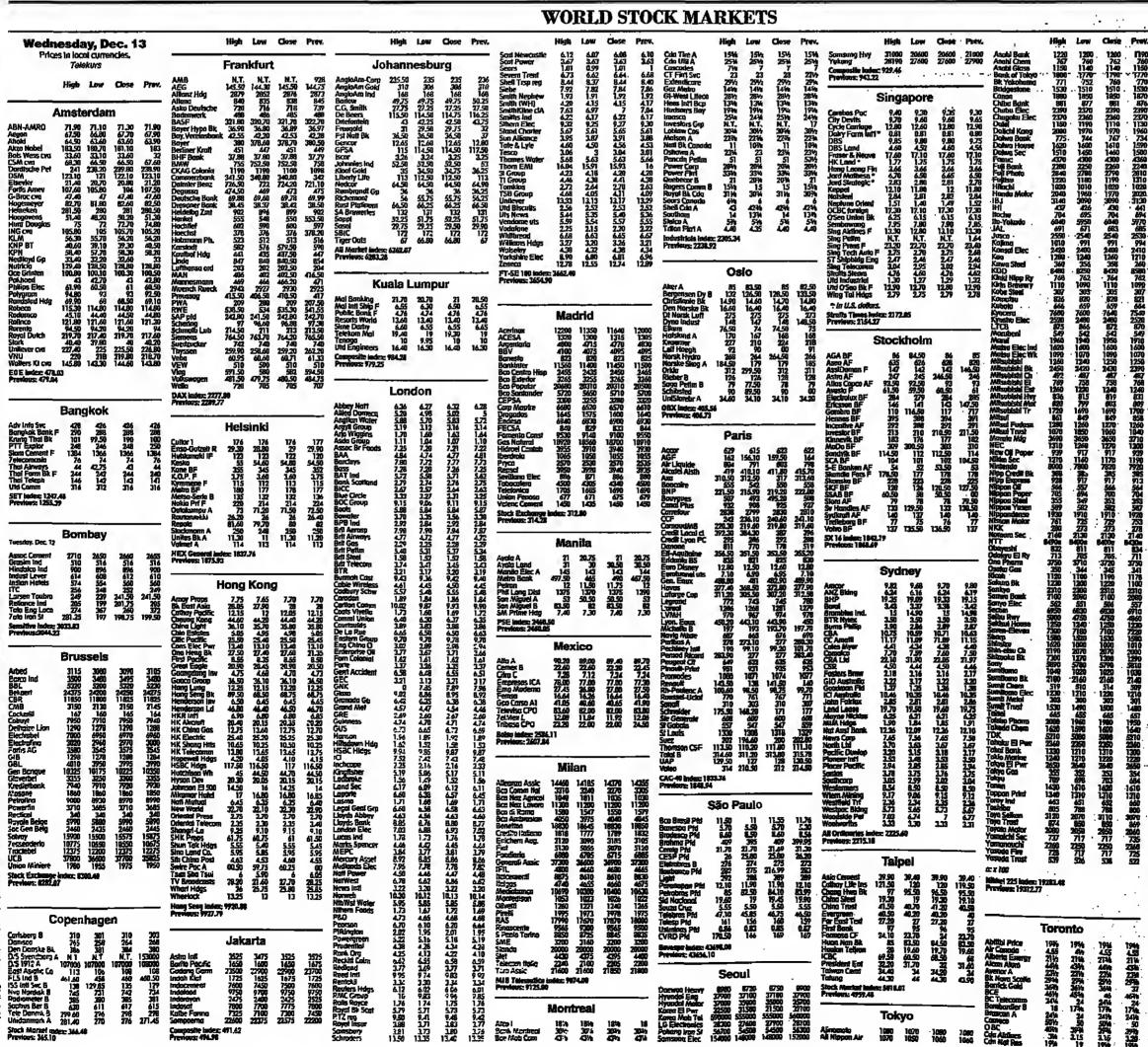
Tuesday. As widely expected, British base rates The dollar closed at 1.4492 Deutsche marks, up from 1.4472 DM on Tuesday, on Wednesday, although the pound rewere cut by 25 basis points, to 6.50 percent mained virtually unchanged at \$1.5340.

As France's labor strife remained tense and inconclusive, the dollar firmed to AP. Bloomberg, AFX German bank dealer said. "It's a shrinking 5.0058 French francs from 4.9970 francs.

count rate at the Swiss National Bank meeting on Thursday, meanwhile, gathered The Swiss government and the central bank indicated this week the Swiss franc

was too strong. The dollar edged up to 1.1755 Swiss francs from 1.1752 francs. Dealers said there might be some resistance to the general support for the dollar when the U.S. short-term government funding resolution runs out on Friday. Dealers noted that disputes over health-

care spending were far from resolved and said another delay in the budget's passage (Reuters, Bloomberg) was likely.



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Campiled by Our Stoff From Disposche LONDON — Shares in Tomkins PLC use 3 percent Wednesday after the company said it planned to buy Gates Rubber Co. for an undisclosed amount of stock and assume \$240 million of its debt.

Terms of the transaction will not be disclosed until negotiations are complete, but analysts said the transaction could help the British manufacturing and foods company. The company said the talks should be completed by the end of the year.

Gates, a family-held company based in Denver, is the world's largest manufacturer of power transmission belts and hose products for automotive and industrial appli-cations. Tomkins said. It is one of the largest closely held businesses in the world, with 40 factories in 13 countries and about 14,000 employees.

Some analysts said questions remained about the cost and the timing of the deal. "The question for me is whether they're buying at the right time in the cycle, and a lot of that has to do with the price, 'said Ian said Tuesday that its first-quarter 1996 North said it would take a £45 million reor-Rennardson of Crédit Lyonnais. He added that he did not think Tornkins would pay more than \$1.4 billion, a figure equal to

Olivetti Says

Acorn to Build

\$500 Computer

Bloomberg Business News

said Wednesday it was in talks with International

Business Machines Corp.,

Sun Microsystems Inc. and

Oracle Corp. about producing a \$500 network

computer that will provide

The new computer, to be

called Netsurfer, will be

produced by Acorn Com-

puter Group PLC, which is

Olivetti, Riccardo Rug-

giero, the vice president of

business development at

Olivetti Telemedia, said. He said the machines

would be ready by the sec-ond quarter of 1996.

inexpensive microchip called the ARM RISC Pro-

cessor around which the

new computer will be built.

The machines will look like

the set-top boxes currently

used by pay-TV providers.

have soared 54 percent since Dec. 5 on speculation that it would build the com-

puter, slipped a penny, to 228 pence (\$3.50).

Wednesday's 4 p.m. Close Stock

Shares in Acorn, which

Acom has a patent on an

percent-owned by

access to the Internet.

MILAN - Olivetti SpA

is not active in auto-parts manufacturing. deal," Mr. Rennardson said.

He said the company had a history of been concerned that Tomkins was not using purchasing overlooked low-technology its cash, which Mr. Launder estimated manufacturing companies with potential for growth. The deal would be the biggest purchase by Tomkins since it bought the food maker Ranks Hovis McDougall PLC for \$1.4 billion three years ago.

Tomkins said there would be opportu-

nities to cut costs at Gates.

"We are confident that the combination of Tomkins and Gates will lead to further cause its book publishing business, which improvements in margins, return on capital and cash-generation for the benefit of all shareholders," said Gregory Hutchings, executive chairman of Tomkins.

American car and truck production would ganization charge in 1995 and a lower but slow 5.7 percent from the 1995 levels. Ford unspecified charge next year. Motor Co. said last week that it would cut

Gates's revenue for last year. Tomkins production by 4 percent in North America. shares closed 7 pence higher, at 263.

Tomkins, which makes products such as cooveyor belts and Hovis bread in Britain, not give a profit figure.

Tomkins needs to make an acquisi-Still, "it looks like the classic Tornkins non," said Gavm Launder, an analyst with SBC Warburg in London. Analysts have would total £400 million (\$612.3 million) at the end of its financial year in April 1996. (Bloomberg, AFX)

■ Pearson Drops on Profit Warning

Pearson PLC stock fell 7 percent after the company said its 1995 earnings would be below analysts' forecasts, mainly becontributes about 70 percent of operating profit, had lost market share, Bloomberg Business News reported from London.

Pearson, which is focusing on becoming Still, the purchase comes as U.S. anto a media company rather than a conglom-

The shares fell 44 pence, to 620.

JOHANNESBURG - De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd. said Wednesday its Central Sell-

The United States accounts for about one-third and Japan about one-fifth of all retail diamond sales. The sales were in line with most forecasts. Shares in De Beers fell 1.25 rand to 115 (\$31.35),

"The stock's not driven by the CSO sales," said Avril Stassen, a money manager at Southern Life Asset Managers. "L's the whole Russian

demand from jewelry makers increased.

"Prospects for continued growth in the retail sector are favorable," De Beers said. Those prospects were based on Japan's economy better" next year and on continued of its output to the CSO, is set to expire at the end

Italian Scooters Are Heading East

Firms Set Sights on Asia

Bloombere Business News

MILAN - After pushing Japanese makers out of the top spot in Europe's market for mopeds and scooters, Italy's largest makers of small two-wheelers are turning their attentioo to Asia.

To raise the money needed to start production there, two closely held companies, Piaggio SpA and Aprilia SpA, said they were considering selling shares on the stock market.
"The future is Asia," said Matteo Righero, senior vice

president of the European business unit at Piaggio, best known for its Vespa scooters. "Not only is the market far bigger there, but Europe is

mature and competitive."

been left out of the directive.

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ist group in the Parliament said

the situation.

Giovanni Agnelli Ir., Piaggio's president, has long said his company's goal was to get a stock market listing. He said he had met with Goldman, Sachs & Co., Salomon Brothers Inc. and Morgan Stanley & Co. to prepare for a listing, perhaps as soon

Ivano Beggio, the owner of Aprilia, said he would decide next year whether and when to sell shares.

"We have enough capital to pay for our investments up to 2000, but after that I don't know," Mr. Beggio said at the biennial Milan Motorcycle Show last month. "Our goal is to be present in China and India by 2000."

The reason is simple: While Italian companies dominate the European market for scooters and mopeds, growth prospects in Europe do not compare with those in China, India and elsewhere in Asia.

Sales of motorized two-wheeled vehicles in Europe this year are expected to rise 4.5 percent, to 1.6 million. More than 10 million scooters are sold each year in Asia.

Italian companies said they wanted to use the skills learned in building and keeping market share in Europe to compete in Asia. Italy accounts for one-third of all two-wheeled motor vehicles sold in Europe; Germany is next at 21 percent,

followed by France at 15 percent and Spain at 9 percent. Piaggio already huilds 250,000 Vespas a year in India in a oint venture with the Singhainia family called LML Ltd. Piaggio also has joint ventures in China and Indonesia.

Aprilia is behind Piaggio in its move into Asia. Mr. Beggio said the company was negotiating with several Asian companies about setting up joint ventures to produce there.

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British Telecommunications PLC acquired the French technology-systems integration company Europe Informatique to establish a presence in France as part of its European expansion plans; terms were not disclosed.

• Hillsdown Holdings PLC made a recommended cash offer of £121 million (\$185 million) for Hobson PLC, a food and beverages manufacturer.

Seton Healthcare Group PLC bought the Ralgex and Diocalm brands from SmithKline Beecham PLC for £7.8 million.

 Telefónica de España SA was expected to receive government approval of its proposal to cut its international rates by as much as 28 percent to meet competition from so-called call-back services.

 Spain's unemployment rate was 15.40 percent in November, down from 15.41 percent in October and from 16.79 percent in November 1994.

 Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale AG agreed to take a 9.1 percent stake in Bank Austria AG as part of a cooperation agreement, terms were not disclosed.

• Groupe Bull said it would post a "net positive result" for 1995, reversing losses of 1.96 billion francs (\$392.7 million) last year and 874 million francs in the first nine months of this year.

• Swiss Bank Corp. will propose the creation of a single-class registered share at its annual meeting May 7; each share would have a par value of 50 Swiss francs (\$42,73), and the bank would convert existing bearer shares with a par value of 100 francs on a 2-for-1 hasis.

• Electricité de France said it had been asked to work on reestablishing the power transmission and distribution network in Bosnia after having given emergency aid to Sarajevo.

 Scandinavian Airlines System will need to invest 15 billion kronor (\$2.23 billion) in planes to serve its loog-haul routes soon after the turn of the century.

· Williams Holdings PLC bought Dual Spectrum, a unit of Hughes Electronics Corp., for \$16 million.

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De Beers Diamond Sales Surge

reflecting a gain of 22 percent so far this year.

ing Organization's sales of rough diamonds rose
6.6 percent this year, to a record \$4.5 billion, as
demand from jewelry makers increased.

De Beers's control of 8') percent of the global

De Beers and its Russian partners met during

the visit to South Africa last month of Russia's first deputy premier, Oleg N. Soskovets, but both parties have said that they would not comment on

European Parliament Rejects 'Cold-Call' Ban

Bloomberg Business News BRUSSELS - The European Parliament rejected Wednesday a proposal for an outright ban on "cold-call" telephone sales after companies said such a measure could lead

to job losses, particularly in the financial-services industry. The Parliament, in Strasbourg, issued a directive that exempted sales of financial services and sales via electronic mail from such restrictions and said other telephone sales would require "prior consent."

Prior consent means that

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companies must identify themtelephone conversation, the Parliament said.

The Federation of European Direct Marketing said at least 10 percent of the 1.5 million people who sell goods and services by telephone could have lost their jobs had a blanket ban been imposed, as a parliamentary committee suggested last month.

Such measures would have hit hardest in Britain, the Netherlands and Sweden, where telephone sales are widely used.

The European Professional selves and state the purpose of Marketing Alliance, representthe call at the beginning of a ing the interests of marketing companies across Europe, said it was "very happy" with the outcome of the vote.

"We feel that consumers" interests will be protected while increasing number of com-plaints," she said. safeguarding a large number of jobs within the industry," said Andrew Cecil, the group's EU affairs consultant. The Parliament voted 314-

308 not to include financial services within the scope of the

Valerie Thompson of the Eu-

Plan Pay-TV Channels The Associated Press ropean Consumer Organization said she was "very disappoint-

LONDON — British Sky Broadcasting Group PLC said

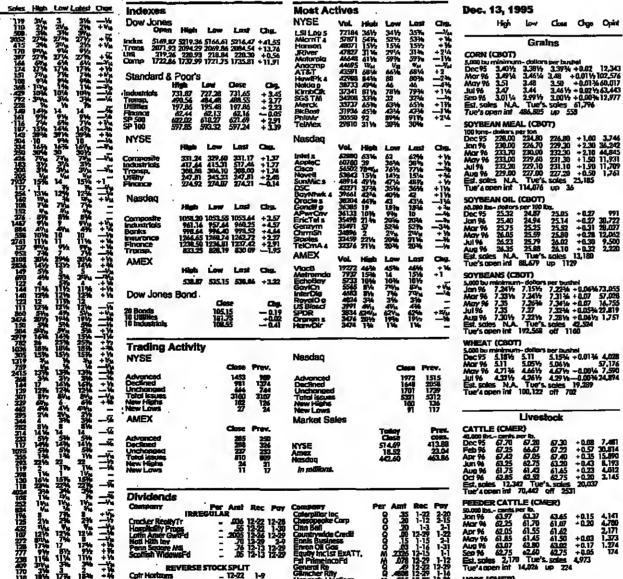
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ed" that financial services had Wednesday it had set up a joint veoture with Granada Group "Financial services often PLC to launch at least eight pay represent a long-term investtelevision channels next year. ment by consumers, and organizations are dealing with an

Granada, which owns about 11 percent of Sky Broadcasting, will put its name on many of the channels. Some of the channels will be called Granada Good Life, Granada Men and Motoring, Granada Talk TV and

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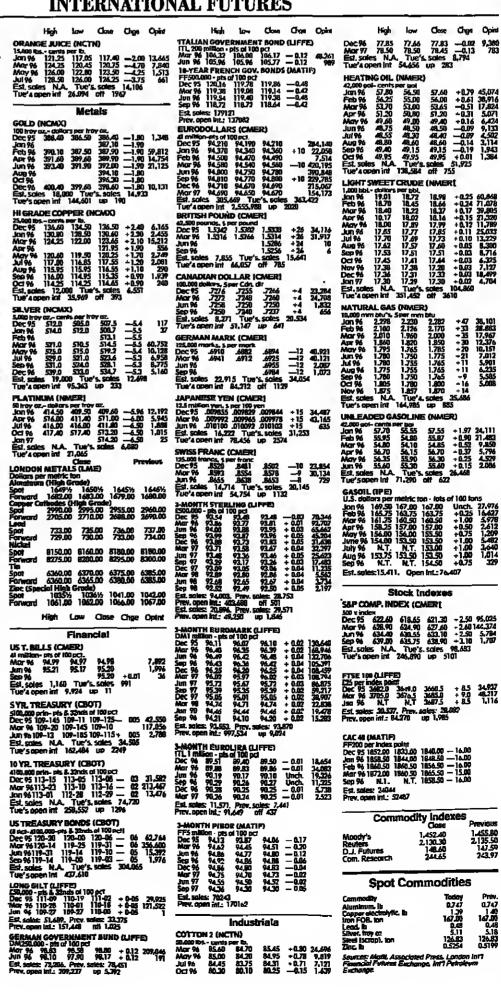
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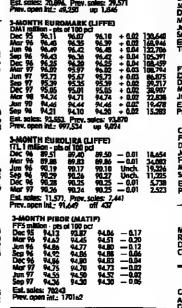
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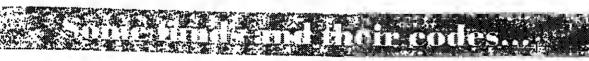
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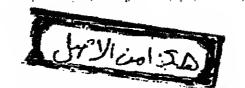
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Caltex Will Build China's Largest Gas Storage Unit

BELIING - Caltex Petroleum Corp. and a Chinese partner said Wednesday they would spend \$125 million to build China's largest liquid petroleum gas storage facility.

The facility, to be built in a joint venture with Shantou Ocean Enterprises (Group) Petroleum & Petrochemical Co., will be built in granite formations 145 meters (475 feet) below ground in the Shantou special economic zone between Guangdong and Fujian

provinces. The vaults will be able to store 100,000 metric tons of gas, more than three times China's current storage capacity of 30,000 tons, said Mathew Saunders, senior vice president of Caltex.

The facility, the first underground storage of its kind in China, also will have the capacity to blend more than 1 million tons a year of liquid petroleum gas by combining

butane and propane. Caltex, which is jointly owned by Texaco Inc. and Chevron Corp., will provide 60 percent of the investment involved, and Shantou will supply the other 40 percent, including tures and some state companies existing facilities and land.

In addition to the underground storage, the facility will ground storage, the facility will foreign concerns' right to duty-include three ocean berths and free imports of capital goods.

eight tank truck bays for import. storage, manufacturing and dis-tribution of high-quality LPG. The project is expected to begin operating by mid-1998.

Mr. Saunders said he expected the project to meet 2 percent of the world's projected LPG demand. Although the market in China is strictly controlled, he said rising demand should ensure a market for all the fuel produced at the facility.

China consumes about 3 million tons of LPG a year, of which it imported about 1 million tons in 1994. It will import about 1.5 million tons in 1995. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

■ China Warned on Taxes

Proposed changes in China's corporate tax policy could drive away foreign investment and force the economy into recession, J.M. Sassoon warned in a report, Bloomberg Business News reported from Sbanghai.

brokerage concern warned that the changes would raise costs for foreign joint ventures and stiffen competition for weak domestic companies.

China is considering raising tax rates for foreign joint vento its standard rate of 33 percent from 15 percent and revoking

Docking at a Stormy Port Shipper Is Still Sanguine on Hong Kong

By Kevin Murphy International Herald Tribuna

HONG KONG - The christening Wednesday of the OOCL Hong Kong, the second of six buge container ships slated for launch by Orient Overseas (International) Ltd. before the end of 1996, represented a crucial vote of confidence in the British colony's future under

Chinese rule. At a time that finds many major shippers skittish about the territory, and when other global ports, notably Vancouver, are making plays for Hong Kong business, registering a major new vessel here means at least some lines have confidence that the port will remain vibrant and that the maritime laws and infrastructure

supporting it will remain intact, analysts said. Moreover, the ship's completion provides dramatic proof that Japanese industry, for the time being, is still willing to back the building of ships intended for Hong Kong registry.

The 276-meter (905-foot) OOCL Hong Kong, the world's largest container vessel (its

sister ships are to be equally sized), was financed by Mitsubishi Corp. and Mitsui & Co., engineered by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. and built by South Korea's Samsung Heavy Industries Co.

Doubts about Hong Kong's changing circumstances on the part of the major Japanese trading bouses that build and finance ships have threatened to hamper the local industry's growth, shipping executives said.

The trading houses' concerns about the post-1997 legal structure and their ability to enforce maritime finance contracts could have forced Hong Kong shipowners to register their vessels

At the same time, a prolooged political disagreement between London and Beijing has stymied the development of a ninth container-handling terminal to handle widely an-

ticipated new shipping traffic.

"This was a very significant launch indeed," said Michael Farlie, director of the Hong Kong Shipowners Association, a trade group, describing Wednesday's gala launching, where China's dominant Mandarin dialect, spoken by mainlanders and Taiwan residents alike, was heard alongside Hong Kong's Cantonese.

"Until recently, we had reason to believe the major Japanese trading houses were reluctant to become involved with ship projects that involved ships registered in Hong Kong."

He noted that officials from Mitsubishi Corp. and Mitsui & Co. were at the christening. The giant vessel capable of carrying 4,960

standard 20-foot containers at a high cruising speed of 25 knots, is a sign, too, of how increasing competition is forcing rivals to form alliances, spend big to improve efficiency or quit the business, analysts said.

Orient Overseas, based in Hong Kong, is part of the so-called Global Alliance with American President Cos., Mitsui O.S.K. Lines Ltd. of Japan and Koninklijke Nedlloyd Groep NV.

The shippers allocate space on their own vessels to accommodate their partners to try to provide consistent service to their collective

C.H. Tung, chairman of Orient Overseas, also serves as an adviser to the Hong Kong and Chinese governments, the only leading Hong

Kong figure to play such a dual role. With a \$484 million order for six massive ships to be built by Samsung under license from Mitsubishi, Orient Overseas is clearly betting it will be well-positioned to weather an overcapacity storm that may be brewing in the shipping industry worldwide.

"There is definitely a fear that there won't be enough demand for all this new capacity as it comes in." said Loke Wai Yin, an analyst for the shipping industry at Salomon Brothers in

said Wednesday.

they want to come here.

Enron To Seek **Damages**

The Associated Press NEW DELHI - Enron Corp. said Wednesday it had resumed its efforts to recover damages from a state govern-ment that canceled a \$2.8 bil-

lion power project. Enron suspended its efforts last month after the Maharashtra state government said it would study the canceled Dabhol Power Co. project and begin negotiations with the U.S. company. A review was submitted to Manchar Joshi, the chief min-

ister of Maharashtra in late

November. But Enron said it had resumed is cost-recovery efforts because the government had not respond-

ed to that review. Mr. Joshi had said the govemment would announce its de-

cision before Sunday. The state government canceled the power project in August, citing its high cost and

environmental impact Enron has since offered to reduce the capital cost of the

project and lower the price of the electricity it sells to the state. The project has been closely

watched to see what effect it could have on foreign investment in India, which began to open its economy to outside investment in 1991.

Many people feared that the cancellation of the Enron power project could set back india's efforts to improve its outmoded

Berjaya Turns to Health

Bloomberg Business News

businessman who said he was selling his 14 perceot stake in

Singapore-based Parkway, a hospital and property company, to

Malaysia-based Berjaya. "Anytime anyone in the region is sick

gapore dollars (\$113.2 million) for his stake.

Mr. Sukamto said he would get more than 160 million Sin-

A Berjaya spokesman said the company planned to make a

Mr. Sukamto, a Singaporean of Indonesian origin, said that

even though the health care business was a growing one in Asia. he

was more interested in concentrating on telecommunications

statement on the transaction this week or early next week.



Very briefly:

•General Insurance Corp.'s pretax profit fell 33 percent in 1994-95, to 1.74 billion rupees (\$498,000), as rising costs overcame a 14 percent increase in premium income.

olndia's new communication satellite, tSAT 2C, will be ready for operation by the middle of January. The satellite was launched from French Guiana last Thursday.

 Asian Terminals Inc. plans to spend 3 billion pesos (\$114.4) million) over the next five years to expand port facilities in response to an increase in cargo traffic in Manila's South Harbor. It plans to fund the expansion with a public offering next week of 150 million shares at 5.10 pesos each.

•Singapore's Economic Development Board predicted the country's electronics industry would see output grow 19 percent this year, to 58.2 billion Singapore dollars (\$41.2 billion).

•TCS International, a unit of Television Corp. of Singapore. plans to extend its Mandarin-language satellite television service to Hong Kong, Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia by mid-1996.

 China International Trust & Investment Corp. and its Hong. Kong subsidiary. CITIC Pacific Ltd., completed arrangements for a loan of 2.4 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$310 million) from a SINGAPORE - Berjaya Group Bhd.'s move to take a stake in group of 16 banks. CITIC will use the money to redevelop the Parkway Holdings Ltd. will give a boost to Parkway's efforts to famar naval base on Victoria Harbor near Hong Kong's central cash in on the region's expanding demand for health care, analysts business district. 'Singapore is like hospital heaven," said Sukamto Sia, a

•New Zealand's food price index rose 1 percent in November from October, the largest rise since May, and was up 1.8 percent from a year ago.

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ROCKEFELLER: At 80, John D.'s Grandson Is Still Presiding

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Today, about 110 Rockefellers are direct descendants of John D., the feisty founder built strong ties to leaders in Third World of the Standard Oil empire and America's first billionaire.

His brother, William, spawned an even bigger orood that now numbers more than 300, although they do not benefit from the web of trusts established by John D. Jr. that has preserved the family wealth, estimated at between \$4 billion and \$5 billion.

David Rockefeller Jr., Mr. Rockefeller's Jay, is a U.S. senator, son and the current head of the family enterprise, Rockefeller & Co., has volunteered to represent the family and oversee the management of its money and collective affairs. Most of John D.'s other

descendants are busy in the Rockefeller tradition of hard work and philanthropy.

David's daughter, Peggy Dulany, has countries and works to help them put together social and economic development projects. Her sister, Neva Goodwin, a professor at Tufts University, is completing a

textbook on the economy of Russia. Rodman Rockefeller, the oldest son of the late Nelson Rockefeller, is an astute businessman, while John D. 4th, known as

None of these younger Rockefellers, however, seems equipped or inclined to follow in David Rockefeller Sr.'s footsteps. "No one can step into his shoes," said

"Not because they aren't good, smart, talented people but because it's just a different

world, and they have different interests."

David Jr. agrees. "We're no longer just a
New York City family." be said. "My
guess is that there will be multiple leaders and patriarchs and perhaps matriarchs."

The elder Rockefeller himself reluctant-

ly recognizes that he probably represents the last of a breed. "When a family multiplies the way ours has, it's hard to maintain the identity over time," he said. "I don't think it's fair to judge what the next generation is doing by comparing them and their activities to what I and my siblings have accomplished at the end of our lives. I think it's fair to say that 20 or 25 years ago, Warren T. Lindquist, a longtime friend. I was less well-known than now.

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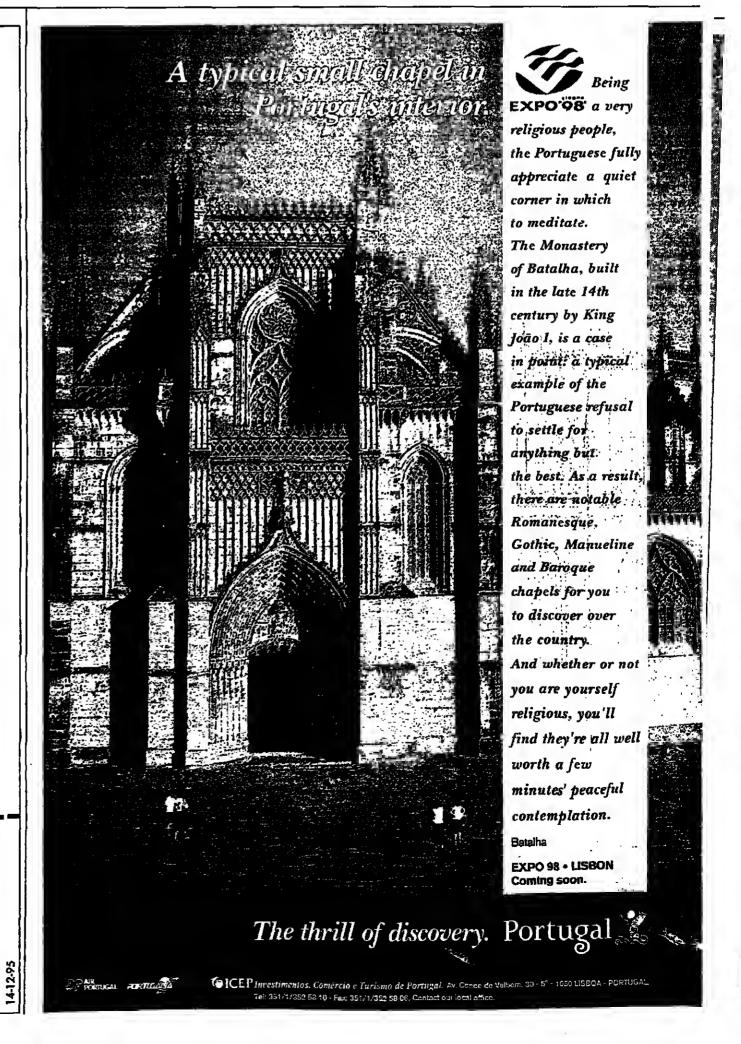
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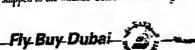
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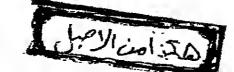
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White Out for Season

FOOTBALL The Green Bay Packers defensive end Roggie White, the NFL's all-time sacks leader, will undergo hamstring surgery and is out for

White, who will turn 34 on Dec. 19, was hurt in a Dec. 3 game against Cincinnati and did not play last weekend at Tampa Bay, the first time in his 11-year NFL career he missed a game because of injury.

Modell Criticizes Offer

FOOTBALL Art Modell says Cleveland could get another NFL team as early as next season if city and business leaders put together a good

enough package.

Modell said the package offered to him by Cleveland officials two days after he announced the move to Baltimore is inadequate. It calls for a \$175 million overhaul of the stadium, financed by state aid and taxes on rental cars, cigarettes and alcohol.

"Would you buy a bond based on people smoking in 20 years?" Modell asked. (AP)

Indians Re-Sign Vizquel

BASEBALL The Gold Glove shortstop Omar Vizquel signed a five-year. \$15.35 million contract extension with the Cleveland Indians, The Indians also picked up Vizquel's 1996

contract option.

The Chicago White Sox fired Walt Hriniak as hitting coach and hired Bill Buckner, Toronto's minorleague hitting instructor, as replace-

McNeeley Stops Doctor

BOXING Peter McNeeley, who parlayed his loss to Mike Tyson into a Pizza Hut commercial, scored a firstround knockout against Dr. Harold Reitman, a 43-year-old surgeon who

donates his purses to charity.

McNeeley improved to 38-7 with his 32d knockout. Reitman (12-5-4) serves as a spokesman and board member of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward County, Florida.



Michael Schumacher blocking out noise in the Ferrari pit in Estoril.

Berger Crashes a 2d Time

motor racing The Austrian racing driver Gerhard Berger walked away from his second high-speed crash in as many weeks when his Benetton-Renault spun during Formula One tests in Estoril, Portugal.

Only two weeks after his first crash during testing at Estoril, Berger's car spun at about 110 miles per hour and slammed into the safety rail. Berger was not hurt, but the damage to his car ended his practice session.

Michael Schumacher, the world champion, had the day's fastest time for Ferrari, doing two turns around the 2.7-mile course in 1:34.62. (Reuters)

Danes Not Tempted by Gold; Favorite Might Miss Atlanta

By Ian Thomsen

THE 800-meters world champion, Wilson Kipketer, probably will be oot be allowed to compete in the Olympics next summer. Denmark, his adopted country, is unlikely to grant him the necessary citizenship, according to the member of Parliament whose committee will decide Kipketer's request.

We are very strict about the demands that have been put up to become a Danish citizen," said John Vinther, who oversees the Danish Parliament's Committee on Cit-izenship. "Our committee has decided that he should not be allowed to have special

Kipketer moved to Denmark from his native Kenya in 1990, and will not satisfy a requirement of seven years residency until 1997. In other countries, including the United States and most of Europe, the requirement might be a formality. Kipketer studies and trains in Denmark, he speaks Danish and he lives in Copenhagen with his Danish girlfriend. By winning Denmark's first gold medal ever in the World Championships last August at Gothenburg, Sweden, he committed himself to his new country - and severed any hope of competing

at the Olympics with Kenya.

The Danish Olympic Committee and athetics federation are preparing a brief asking aw early next year, but no one contacted for ficials, athletics officers and journalists seems to think it will do much good.

"I don't think he is going to get his citizenship in time for the Olympics," said Peter Bistrup, press secretary for Danish

Kipketer has chosen one of those rare countries that isn't blinded by the prospect of an Olympic gold medal. Though he was allowed to represent

Denmark without citizenship at the World Championships, he must have a Danish

Championships, he must have a Danish passport to compete in the Olympics.

In reaction to the debate in the press over Kipketer, Vinther said he phoned committee members from the four leading political parties last summer. Kipketer would need majority support by the 17-person citizenship committee, but he didn't receive it.

"I don't think anybody said they were really positive about his case," Vinther said.

made unsuccessful requests to play for Denmark in the Olympics, Vinther said. So, too,

we gave citizenship to somebody just be-cause he can run fast," Vinther said. Most Danes believe the law should be equal for all parties.'

Exceptions tend to be made only for the monarchy. Alexandra Manley of Hong Kong got citizenship after a short residency before her marriage to Prince Joachim last

"Most Danes feel that only a royal per-son should be allowed the exception."

Parliament will judge Kipketer's appli-cation in February or March, but Vinther said that a formal review probably won't swing his committee's opinion.

The Danish athletics federation plans to mark and for Kipketer, 25 on Tuesday It will point out that he would serve as a rare

Kipketer might have more hope if he played soccer, a source of national passion. Denmark hasn't won an Olympic gold medal in track and field since 1900, when three Danes and three Swedes combined to win the Tug of War. The last Danish medal in athletics came in 1948, for third in the

women's javelin.

The idea of an African winning a gold medal for Denmark must have been a bit other-worldly.

"There was a poll in one of our larger chance at an Olympic gold medal: "
wspapers four or five months ago, and I "He is prepared for both circums the 62 percent or something like that said should not be granted special citizensulation when he decided to run in the newspapers four or five months ago, and I think 62 percent or something like that said be should not be granted special citizen-ship," Vinther said. "I believe, that most Danes were happy that Denmark had won a gold medal; but I also do believe that many Danes do feel that it wasn't a Dane who won it." Asked if he too didn't see Kipketer as "a real Dane," Vinther said: "Yes, that just about covers my opinion."

If Kipketer looked more like a Dane, then, perhaps that would have helped his

cause? "I don't think that has anything to do with it." Vinther said.

Former-Soviet ice hockey players have only beginning to learn about foreign cul-

mres from immigrants such as Kipketer.

"He has a furny name and he is not the same color as the Danes," Bistrup said. has the former Robert Kiplagar, a 1,500meters semifinalist at Gothenburg. He accompanied Kipketer to Denmark, married a
Dane and even renamed himself Robert

Think we have been kind of isolated here in Denmark for about 1,000 years. Of, and and even renamed himself Robert in Denmark for about 1,000 years. Of, course we have Norwegians, and Englishmen and white Americans; but for people, who look not so much like Danes, I'm not

sure they're so popular.''
Though Kipketer could not be reached for this article, he has had only nice things to say about Denmark and Danes. More than five years ago, most of his peers in Kenya were considering scholarships to American, universities, where the priority would have been on athletics. Kipketer said he chose Denmark in order to study — first in agri-culture, and now in electrical engineering.

O QUIET was Kipketer's arrival that Kenth Andersson, his Swedish agent, initially believed he was nothing

more than a decent club runner.
"I think he has done so well, maybe, try again, emphasizing that the Olympics is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Den-said. "If he had come to Denmark to be a better athlete, to perform, the pressure on his shoulders would have been much greater. I guess it was fairly easy for him to adjust in Denmark. The Scandinavian climate is not. Denmark. The Scandinavian climate is not, so good, but the weather is good for training. He travels now and then to Sweden, it Malmo, where there is a good half for indoor training; and he has just rehuned from Spain, where he was in training.

Kipketer has been dominant for two years. He is ranked No. 1 in the world at 800 meters, with a personal best of 1:42.87.

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World Championships for Denmark Whatever the decision will be, it will not

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Barring the success of a persuasive argument, Denmark will be left hoping for Olympic medals in sailing women's handball and cycling. If Kipketer's race passes, around the track without him, there might be a national sense of a moment lost that will never come again; and with an unsmiling. o with it." Vinther said.

However, others believe that Denmark is the lucrative, sponsored Olympic ideal.

NBC's Olympic Swoop Unseats Rivals but Pleases IOC

Samaranch Shores Up Position as Games' Chief Richest Deal in TV Sports History Extends Until Summer Games of 2008

Wilson Kipketer on his way to winning the 800-meter world championship.

By Jere Longman New York Times Service

NBC's \$2.3 billioo shopping spree has lent financial certainty to the International Olympic Committee for a dozen years and given additional political security to the committee's 75-year-old president, Juan Antonio Samaranch, should he decide to run for re-election in 1997.

Since assuming the presidency in 1980, Samaranch has worked vigorously to rid the Olympics of any vestige of amateurism, from participants to marketing. College stars are out in basketball and ice hockey, pro-fessionals are in. Corporations pay \$20 million and beyond to become worldwide sponsors of the Winter and Summer Games.

Samaranch has drawn criticism for the ereed, corruption and doping that tarnish the private sector at a time wheo gov-

ernments are increasingly unwilling or unable to write a blank check to be host for the Winter and Summer Games. The Olympics have no host cities for the 2004, 2006 and 2008 Games, yet they have guaranteed television money from the movement's financial power, the United States.

There also will be more money for the International Olympic Committee to spread around to international sports federations and Olympic committees that it nourishes. Beginning in 2004, host cities will receive only 49 percent of the international television money, instead of 60 percent.

With his political support shored up by Tuesday's announcement, Samaranch seems certain to run for a fourth term in 1997. Last summer, he maneuvered to have the mandatory retirement age for IOC membership raised from 75 to 80. "He's staythe Olympics. But he can also point to the ing," said a prominent Olympic official, on undeniable success of economic streogth in condition of anonymity. "If there was any confusion, this should clear it up.

By Richard Sandomir

New York Times Service NBC cornered the Olympic television market Tuesday by agreeing to spend \$2.3 billion for the broadcast and cable rights to the 2004 Summer, 2006 Winter and 2008

Summer Olympics even before the sites of the games have been determined. The deal is the richest in television sports history, provides a stream of highly-rated programming for NBC into the next decade and is a financial legacy for Juan Antonio Samaranch, the International Olympic

Committee's president. The deal preempted bidding from NBC's three rivals, further cementing the cozy relationship between the network and the IOC. NBC's payments of \$793 million for the 2004 games, \$613 million for 2006 and \$894 million for 2008 could have been higher if ABC, Fox and CBS had been allowed to

and producing the games. The arrangement after the flame is doused. is a variation on the formula adopted for the Summer Olympics next year in Atlanta, in which the IOC started sharing when NBC's ad sales topped \$615 million. The IOC has already begun collecting its share, and sales have reached \$650 million.

The extraordinary spending promised by NBC comes just five months after it agreed to pay the IOC\$1.25 billion for the TV rights to the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney and the 2002 Winter Olympics in Sali Lake

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City, Utah. The talks that spawned Tues- bottom line is not the question. It's the package was announced. The IOC executive board approved it last week.

by NBC, backed by its parent company General Electric, means that by 2008, the network will have shown six consecutive Summer Olympics and five straight Winter or Summer Olympics, unprecedented even when ABC Sports ruled Olympic telecast-

David Hill, the president of Fox Sports, said: "By pulling us out of the equation, it lets us strengthen our relationships with the NFL, NHL and major league baseball."

ABC and CBS declined comment. NBC's rights fee is paid in several installments for each Games. First, the U.S. Olympic Committee gets a 10 percent cut of the total, or \$79.3 million, for example, for the 2004 Olympics. The IOC receives three payments: 30 percent, or about \$214 The IOC confidently swapped its removal from competitive bidding with a promise to split revenues with NBC after the network's one month before the Olympics start, and advertising sales exceed the costs of buying

> "In the end, you're piling assumptions upon assumptions," said Bob Wright, the president of NBC. 'It's a definite risk. There are scenarios where we'd be in a loss situation with a negative advertising sit-

Neal Pilson, the former president of CBS Sports, said NBC smartly removed the Olympics from the competitive bidding that has forced steep increases in sports - S rights fees. He added: "The effect on the ey."

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day's deal began the day that the August, promotional value, the coupling of the NBC and GE names with an event that has known nothing but success for the past decade." ": The enthusiastic Olympic futures trading. - Jack Welch, the General Electric chair-

man, enthusiastically supported NBC's bid-said Wright. "He doesn't do a lot of flinching, "Wright said. From 1988 to 2008, NBC. will pay the IOC a total of \$4.7 billion. It enables us to plan ahead more effectively." Pound said. "It provides cer-

tainty for organizing committees — they'll know in advance what they'll get." "We were willing to trade on inflation, for revenue sharing," Pound said.

One industry executive familiar with Olympic TV negotiations said: 'The IOC is mortgaging its future. They're going for the sure thing rather than ride the marketplace. Multiple network competition has been drive ing the marketplace and there's no reason to

think the competition will decrease." Add the \$400 million that NBC paid for major league baseball last month, and the total sports check that NBC's parent com; pany, General Electric, has picked up since August is abour \$3.95 billion, The Associated Press reported.

At the news conference Dick Ebersol; the NBC sports president, drew attention to

David Stern, of the National Basketball Association which is in the third year of 4 four-year \$750 million deal with NBC. Sitting here in the second row is commissioner Stern from the NBA to make sure we have some money left. Dick Ebersol said.

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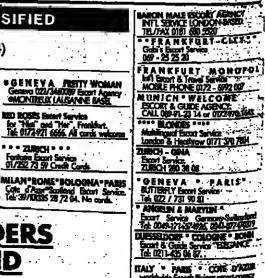
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Dutch Gain Final Berth

By Ian Thomsen
International Herald Tribune

LIVERPOOL - The Netherlands claimed the 16th and final spot in the European Championship next summer in England with a deserved 2-0 bearing of Ireland Wednesday night.

It was almost a perfect night. The 20,000 Irish cheered out the reign of the team's manager, Jack Charlton, while a new Dutch era seemed to begin around Patrick Kluivert, the 19-year-

old who scored both goals.

The first one, in the 30th minute. looked as casual and unfettered as something the Dutch might try in training, with no defenders around. At the end of a 20-minute lull, the Irish apparently relaxed as Clarence Seedorf and Winston Bogarde passed the ball to each other at midfield, then Seedorf sent a smooth ball down the left flank to Edgar Davids, who dropped it back for the biggest goal of Kluivert's short life.

In the 90th minute, Kluivert consolidated his new hold on the role left vacant by Marco Van Basten's retirement, chipping over the goalkeeper. Alan Kelly, on a pass from Ronald de Boer. The Dutch fashioned a half-dozen chances better than any the Irish could mount — their best hopes coming on a couple of crosses excruciatingly beyond the dives of Tony Cascarino. And still tenaciously, typically, the Irish made a game of it after backing into this playoff with just one victory in their

preceding five qualifying games.

While the Dutch were looking forhard to better things, the Irish were naturally looking back. "We want Jack!" they yelled, thousands of them remaining loyal in otherwise empty Anfield. Finally Charlton appeared at midfield. With an Irish flag in hand, he appeared to be waving good-bye.

Nets Long for Sub Refs And Home Court Is No Advantage

The Associated Press ref advantage.

On the night when veteran referees returned to the court after settling their dispute with the National Basketball Association, the Nets were wishing the replacements had stuck around for another game. Nick Anderson scored 29 points and the

NBA ROUNDUP

Orlando Magic limited New Jersey to three fourth-quarter field goals, handing the Nets their first home loss of the season Tuesday night, 101-97.

The crew of Bill Oakes, David Jones and Tim Donaghy drew the ire of the Nets by calling four technical fouls against them and throwing out the backup guard Chris Childs just before halftime when he was called for a second technical foul.

"We had a chance to win the game and I think we let the refs get to us mentally," the Nets guard Kenny Anderson said. "We

didn't play our game. We were there and didn't pall it off."

Orlando limited New Jersey to three-of20 shooting in the final period, including a meaningless three-pointer by Jayson Williams at the buzzer.

Williams at the buzzer. "This is one of our ugliest games of the ar," Dennis Scott said after the Magic won their fourth in a row and 17th in 21

games, the NBA's second-best record. Warriora 105, Heat 80 Golden State improved its home record to 9-0 against Miami. Chris Mullin, a reserve for the first time this season as the Warriors coach, Rick Adelman, shuffled his lineup, scored

a season-high 26 points. Rockets 133, Kings 83 Houston handed. Sacramento its worst home loss since the team moved to California in 1985 as Hakeem Olajuwon had 31 points and 15 rebounds, and Sam Cassell scored 26 points.
The Kings shot 31.8 percent in the first half and were held to a season-low 10 points in the second period.

Mavericks 112, SuperSonics 101 Tony The New Jersey Nets had the home- Dumas, a reserve, scored a career-high 35 court advantage. They didn't get the home-points, including 16 in the fourth quarter and overtime, and Dallas rallied from a 17point deficit for a victory over visiting

> Hersey Hawkins scored 24 points for the SuperSonics, whose four-game winning streak ended.

Horsets 115, Suns 100 Charlotte won for just the third time in 13 road games as Glen Rice made his first eight shots and scored 33 points at Phoenix.

Scott Burrell scored a season-high 26 points for the Hornets, who made 11 of 21

Charles Barkley scored 22 points for the Suns, who have lost three straight.

Knicks 97, Lakers 82 New York held Los Angeles to 37 percent shooting and a season-low point total, sending the Lakers to their eighth loss in 10 road games.

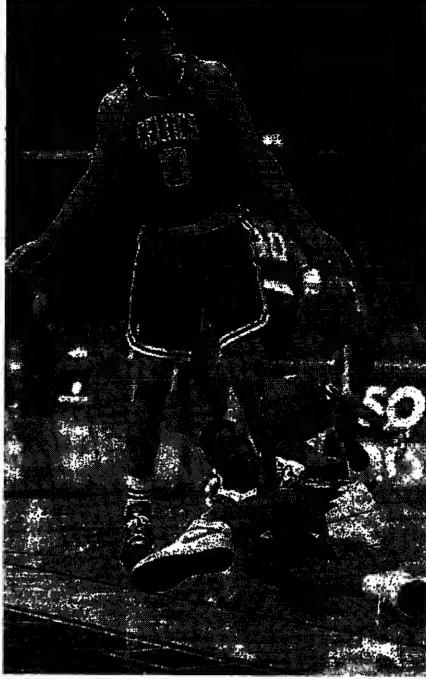
Derek Harper and Anthony Mason scored 17 points apiece, and Charles Oakley had 15 points and 16 rebounds for the Knicks.

s 85, Hawks 78 Minnesota Timber won at the Omni in Atlanta for the first time in seven tries and snapped an eight-game losing streak to the Hawks.

Isaiah Rider scored 20 points and Christian Laetmer 18 points for the Timberwolves, who have won five of eight games. Bullets 108, Buelos 102 Chris Webber, still recovering from a sore left shoulder, had 25 points and 13 rebounds for Washington, which almost blew a 21-point lead against visiting Milwaukee.

The Bullets used a 21-2 run in the third quarter to take a 85-64 lead, but Glenn Robinson, who scored 30 points, and Sherman Douglas rallied the Bucks to 101-100 with 1:07 left. But Milwaukee, which had 28 turnovers, couldn't grab the lead.

Cettles 116, Raptors 96 Dee Brown had 20 points and 10 assists against Toronto, leading Boston to its third straight road victory. Dana Barros scored 18 points and hit a three-pointer for the 75th consecutive game for the Celtics.



Eric Montross hovering over a fallen Raptor, Carlos Rogers. Boston won.

Canadiens Get The Cheers on Jets' Home Ice

In Winnipeg, the Jets, who made their franchise move official earlier in the day, must have felt like they were on a road trip. The largest crowd of the season for a game at Winnipeg Arena, 14,321, created a sea of red, white and blue with their Montreal Canadiens jerseys.

Before the game Tuesday evening, the prospective new owners of the Jets signed

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a binding letter of intent to move the National Hockey League franchise to Phoenix for the 1996-97 season.

"It was kind of weird." the Canadiens captain, Pierre Turgeon, said of the ovations from their large fan base in Winnipeg.
"It's a little bit like home."

Eddie Olczyk, who had three goals and an assist, said he and his lets teammates definitely noticed the cheers for the Canadiens. "We even thought about wearing our road jerseys, considering the welcome they got in

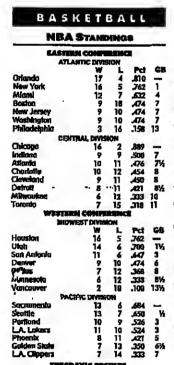
the warm-up," he said. Penthers 3, lelenders 1 Mark Fitzpatrick made 33 saves against his former team, and Magnus Svensson and Jody Hull scored second-period goals as league-leading Flori-da extended its unbeaten streak to six games. Johan Garpenlov gave the Panthers a 1-0 lead just 29 seconds into the game when he backhanded his own rebound past the Islanders' goalie, Tommy Soderstrom, for the

fastest opening goal in Panthers' history.

Red Wings 5, Blues 2 In St. Louis, Missouri, Bob Errey, Steve Yzerman and Slava Kozlov each scored in the first 6:43 of the game, and Mike Vernon made 29 saves as Detroit beat the Blues. The Detroit defenseman Paul Coffey was held pointless, leaving him one assist shy of 1,000 career assists.

Sharks 2, Senators 1 Tom Pederson scored a power-play goal in San Jose, California, with 2:26 left to lift the Sharks to a victory over Ottawa in a battle of the two worst teams in the league. (AP. Reuters)

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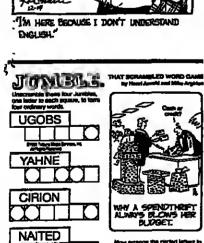
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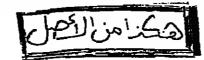
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Modern-Art Museum Opens in Prague

Agence France-Presse PRAGUE--- Prague opened its first museum of modern art on Wednesday following 10 years of renovation work on the building housing it.

This is a major event for Czech art but also for the international artistic community," said Martin Zlatohlavek, director of the National Gallery.

The museum is housed in the Veletrzni palace, which was built in the 1920s but was ravaged by fire more than 20 years

WASHINGTON — We are pay. People rarely question political lies because they always assume there is some truth to

Counter continued, "I'm launching an attack on Harvey Probemeister who opposes my man, Gilford Tornequet. I'm going to say that Probemeister played golf with O.J. Simpson in Florida and let him win. When the women hear that, he's finished. We're going to do a number on him. We'll say that we have proof he was caught drinking after hours in the basement of a Planned Parenthood

"You guys play hardball." "Au contraire. All we do is supply the facts and let the public draw their own conclusions. Take Gramaphone, an opposition candidate, whose war record gave aid and comfort to Somalia. Our story is that he deserted his men to harass a Sherman tank. Of course, this is a dirty lie, and like all political dirty lies everyone helieves

I said, "Someday these accusations will come back in haunt the candidates you represent. How do you plan to deal with that?'

"We'll deny everything — the same way we denied all the dirty lies we used in 1994. What you say now doesn't count for anything if you win. It's all fun and games. Did you know that Alfred Freeman was a cross-

'Are you sure?" "I wouldn't go public with it except for the fact that Freeman is leading in the polls. "I guess we couldn't have

free elections if it weren't for people like you. You probably could, but it wouldn't be as much fun.

Big Galleries Give Los Angeles a Higher Art Profile

By Sharon Waxman Washington Post Service

OS ANGELES - Most people do not have room in their foyers for sculptures like Frank Stella's "Bear Mountain," 15 tons of writhing, jagged metal. And at more than a million dollars, few people could afford to buy it anyway.

But this is Los Angeles, where the vast sums earned in the entertainment industry have aroused the cultural ambitions of collectors and the economic ambitions of art dealers.

The opening here this fall of two of New York's most powerful art galleries, Larry Gagosian — which fea-tures "Bear Mountain" at its first show (through Dec. 15) — and PaceWildenstein, is a sign of that conjuncture. While the West Coast art market is far from flourishing, both galleries have gambled on high-profile locations in Beverly Hills - opening three blocks from each other - in the common belief that there are markets here yet to be tapped. So far, their hunches have proved correct. "Bear Mountain" has sparked

interest from several collectors and more than half of the 12 Stella sculptures at Gagosian have been sold. ("There are people who have room for and interest in pieces like this," said gallery director Robert Shapazian, when asked where collectors put such gargantuan sculptures.) PaceWildenstein's directors say the gallery's first shows, portraits by Chuck Close in September and hanging and standing mobiles by Alexander Calder in November, both sold out. "We have sold dozens and dozens of things in the first two months," said Marc Glim-cher, co-president of PaceWildenstein, formed by the 1993 merger of the New York-based Pace and London-based Wildenstein & Co. galleries. He estimated that half of the L.A. gallery's sales were to new collectors, and nearly half of those buying came from the

entertainment industry. Glimcher's father, Arne, is the gallery chairman and a producer-dithe Mist") whose broad contacts in the

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entertainment industry will be key to the success of the L.A. venture. But Marc Glimcher said many others outside the industry are also interested in collecting. "Only 10 percent of people out of any group who want to collect - real estate, financial, entertainment

- are really doing it to the extent that they'd like to," he said. "Our growth will be based on finding a new group of collectors, but more than that it will be based on getting to a larger percentage of each of those groups.

Larry Gagosian, a Los Angeles native who moved his gallery to New York 10 years ago, has wanted to reopen here for several years. "It's a business decision like any other," he said in a telephone interview from New York. "There's a whole new generation of collectors that's starting to emerge. They aren't necessarily going to get on a plane every time they want to buy a painting." Both galleries' decisions come as

the entertainment industry has begun generating huge sums for top players. Movie stars and producers now command multimillion-dollar fees for films - John Travolta just set a record of \$21 million for his next project, "The Double" - and their agents get hefty percentages. The rise of computer technology in filmmaking and the growth of interactive entertainment has created another huge source of

The West Coast has long had many

heavyweight collectors, notably Michael Ovitz, who was recently named president of the Walt Disney Co. and is an old friend of Ame Glimher, and recording executive David Geffen, who buys mainly from Gagosian, his friend from their days in the William Morris Agency mail room. (Art insiders credit Geffen with paying \$20 million for Willem de Kooning's "Woman III" last sum-mer.) Other major collectors in the entertainment industry are Steve Martin, producer Ray Stark, television producers Norman Lear and Douglas Cramer, director Jan DeBont ("Speed"), and producer Paul Witt rector ("Mambo Kings," "Gorillas in ("Dead Poets Society") and his wife, writer Susan Harris.



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Michele DeAngelus with Calder mobile in PaceWildenstein gallery.

'We had a great need for major art dealers out here whose presence and my business. The idea of studywould demonstrate commitment to the art culture of L.A.," said Ovitz, who also built an impressive art collection at the talent agency he founded. Creative Artists Agency.

Ovitz disputed the eastern stereotype of Los Angeles as a wasteland where popular culture takes precedence over high art. He and others noted that those who make pictures

"Art is so much a part of my life ing, appreciating and collecting is something that is a continuation of what I do on a day-to-day basis," he said. "Enjoying the artistic part of this business goes together with en-

joying the artistic part of life."

And there are other signs of renascence in the city's art scene. The \$700 million Getty Center, housing a museum, a research library, a confor entertainment have a natural in-servation institute and a center for the terest in the making of images as art, arts and education, will open in 1997 his clients and contacts.

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in West Los Angeles. UCLA's Armand Hammer Museum of Art is flush with cash after selling a rare manuscript by Leonardo da Vinci to Microsoft billionaire Bill Gates for \$30.8 million in 1994. And while an estimated two-thirds of Los Angeles art galleries closed during the early 1990s, those that survived have now expanded and reorganized, such as Bergamot Station, a collection of a dozen galleries showing works by young artists in Santa Monica.

They too welcome the two New York powerhouses. 'I think it acmally strengthens the basis of col-lecting here," said Peter Goulds, own-er of the L.A. Louver gallery, which opened an airy, refurbished space near Venice Beach this year. "The less people feel an urgency to make significant decisions in New York, the more they look at this community _1 would hope - rather more seriously. My expectation would also be that those clients would support our museums more actively."

"The Los Angeles arts scene is more invigorated than I've seen it for a number of years," said Joanne Helyer, curator for the Broad Foundation, a private museum founded by philan-thropist Eli Broad that regularly lends its 500 works. "A lot of New York galleries came and made branches in L.A. at the height of the art boom, the mid- to late-'80s. They were really outposts - they would send reduced versions of shows in New York, and you tended to get the impression as a collector that you were not being offered first-time material. Pace and

Gagosian are too savvy to do that." Indeed, directors at both PaceWildenstein and Gagosian emphasize that they are mounting original shows in their Los Angeles galleries. PaceWildenstein represents a star-studded group of artists or their estates, itcluding Henry Moore, Jim Dine, Man Rothko, Antoni Tapies, Julian Schn-abel and a piece of the Pablo Picasso estate. Gagosian, who represents fewer artists— among them Ed Ruscha, Chris Burden and Francesco Clemente -has access to major works through

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ackson blew a kiss lashed a "V" sign New York hospital orders to get more bed rest after his illness His doctors believe a virus was to blame for diarrhea and severe dehydration that dangerously lowered his blood pressure and led to his collapse.

"Sense and Sensibility" picked up best film, best director and best actress honors from the National Board of Review of Motion Pictures. EmTeatro dell'Opera and to have a a poll of 20,000 Americans.

ma Thompson won for her role private audience on Thursday in the Ang Lee-directed adap-tation of the Jane Austen nov-el. Nicholas Cage was named best actor for his role in "Leaving Las Vegas." Other winners ing back to law school, this included Kevin Spacey, best supporting actor for "Seven" and "The Usual Suspects," and Mira Sorvino, best supporting actress for "Mighty Aphrodite." James Earl Jones won a career achievement award. The board, made up of teachers, actors, writers, movie production workers and others. will present the awards Feb. 26 in New York.

Leah Rabin, the widow of

with Pope John Paul II. ing in January.



FREE FLIGHT - Crown Prince Naruhito and Princess Masako releasing wild ducks on Wednesday at the Imperial reserve in Tokyo at an annual party with diplomats.

the slain Israeli prime minister, ing acts, Hootie & the Blow-Yitzhak Rabin, arrived in Rome on Wednesday to take part in a ceremony to commemorate her husband's part in striving for a Middle East eace. She is accompanied by her two children, Dalia and Yuval. She was to attend the ceremony, organized by the city and the Italian Embassy, at the

time as a teacher. The O.J. Simpson prosecutor, who said after Simpson's acquittal that the biggest case of his life might be his last, has accepted a tenure-track teaching job at the Southwestern University School of Law in Los Angeles. Darden, who taught there parttime during the Simpson trial, will teach trial advocacy start-

Two of 1995's biggest-sell-

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fish and Boyz II Men, received of Annapolis, Maryland, who five nominations each in the 23d annual American Music Awards. The pop-punk trio Green Day, country rocker Garth Brooks and Michael Jackson landed three nominations apiece. The nominees are compiled from sales and amplay data, and winners are picked by

Julio Iglesias was aboard a private plane that was forced to make an emergency landing. The jet was flying from Atlantic City to Miami when the window shattered for unknown reasons, and the pilot landed in Norfolk, Virginia.

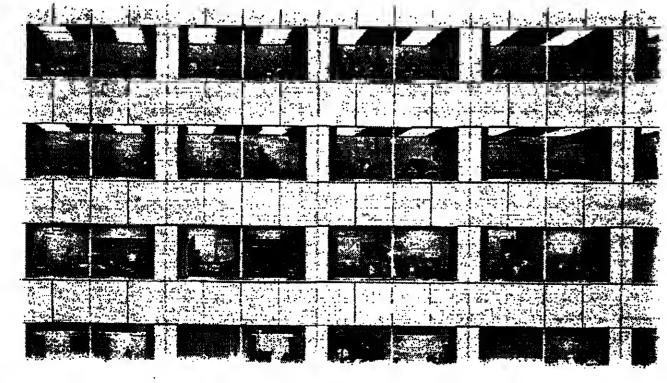
Which president repeatedly made love to a young girl from his hometown in a White House coat closet when, on at least one occasion, his wife was prevented from beating down the closet door by a Secret Service agent?
Thus begins a quiz in 'Presidential Sex,' a cut-and-paste

has tracked the libidos of 12 chief execs (eight Democrats three Republicans, one Federalist). "The American people want to know about this subject," he said. (Answer: Warren G. Harding.)

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The greatest fan of "Phantom of the Opera'' has struck again, buying every seat for one performance of the Broadway hit for the second year in a row. Daniel Lehner, a resident of Long Island, donated the tickets to charities to resell, beloing them to raise \$1.1 million.

Four U.S. senators have made it onto TV — this time for their singing, not their politics, John Ashcroft of Missouri, Trend Lott of Mississippi, Larry Craig of Idaho and James Je fords of Vennont, who formed the quartet Vocal Majority two months ago, will have a gig of the "Today" show to sing the Oak Ridge Boys' hit 'Elvira



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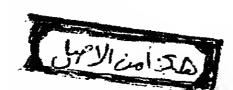
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